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Left to right, the Welsh trio of Ian Rush, Kevin Ratcliffe and Neville Southall in English league action — welcome visitors to Australia should the ASF invite Wales to play the Socceroos.

And now for the Welsh!

BY LOU GAUTIER

AUSTRALIA's very encouraging display against Torpedo Moscow at Olympic Park last Sunday must be followed up with more international matches as soon as possible.

It would be scandalous to squander the potential of what is shaping up as an exciting new-look national team.

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EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

RICHARD LORENC FOR ITALIA '90

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

RICHARD LORENC, one of Australia's best referees, has been honoured by FIFA who have chosen him on the panel of World Cup referees to officiate in this year's finals in Italy.

In an exclusive interview with the modest 38-year-old former schoolteacher, Lorenc told ASW of his delight of being amongst the privileged few.

"I am not the first referee from Australia to get a World Cup finals badge.

"I am the third.

"In 1974 and 1982, Tony Boskovic, and in 1986 Chris Bambridge officiated at the World Cup finals.

"But Boskovic and Bambridge were Yugoslav and English-born.

"I am the very first referee born in Australia to get a World Cup appointment.

"I hope this recognition will be a real incentive for other Australian referees for the future.

"It is a real honour and I am very excited.

"It is going to be a magnificent experience controlling international matches in huge arenas," said the unassuming Lorenc.

A former under 13 player, Richard Lorenc is married to Jill, (also a schoolteacher) and they have twins, a boy Robert and a girl Tegan, aged seven.

Mrs Jill Lorenc told ASW: "Obviously I'm very proud for Richard.



RICHARD LORENC — Italy-bound.

"But it is a real buzz for all Australian referees, which is most important.

"I could not be more pleased for him as he has really earned it over the past few years.

"It has been his ulti-

mate target since he put a whistle to his mouth to get to the World Cup finals."

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Zlatko Nastevski to miss season!

BY LOU GAUTIER

MARCONI's chances of retaining the QNSL championship were dealt a mortal blow with the loss of ace goalscorer Zlatko Nastevski.

The 32-year-old star was operated on his left knee last Wednesday to repair cruciate ligament damage by leading orthopaedic surgeon Dr Merv Cross.

Nastevski was injured after only 34 minutes of the Australia v Torpedo Moscow game at the Sydney Football Stadium on January 19 in his Soccer debut.

He will not be able to play again this season.

The injury was not caused by any foul play by the Soviets but by the bad condition of a pot-holed pitch which was not up to national, let alone international, standards.

His absence will greatly weaken Marconi's hopes of winning an unprecedented third successive title.

Nastevski had scored 11 goals after 12 QNSL rounds and seemed destined to better his 1989 tally of 20, and perhaps even John Kosmina's record of 23 goals.

Marconi have made inquiries with the Australian Soccer Federation about seeking compensation for his enforced lay-off.

But ASF general manager Alan Vessey



Zlatko Nastevski in full cry a couple of minutes before the injury which sidelined him for the rest of the season against Moscow Torpedo.

said that while Nastevski was covered under the ASF's insurance policy for loss of soccer income, Marconi would only receive any money if Nastevski never played again.

And that according to Nastevski is not on.

"I'll be back next season," Zlatko vowed from his hospital bed last week.

"I am not finished. I will play again next season."

His legion of fans will say amen to that.

Speedy recovery, Zlatko!



Ace marksman Nastevski won't be breaking any scoring records in the inaugural QNSL summer season.

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Oceania task force

OCEANIA Confederation president Charlie Dempsey plans to establish a task force in his bid to improve football standards throughout the region.

The task force will be a major weapon in Dempsey's plans to keep the Oceania Confederation alive following the 1995 deadline imposed by FIFA late last year.

Oceania has until the end of that year to upgrade the code in the smaller member countries to at least match the standard in New Zealand and Australia.

Dempsey says both the standard of play and administration must be lifted and it will be the job of the task force to look closely at these two areas.

"I hope to establish the task force at our congress in Papua-New Guinea in September," says Dempsey.

"Oceania will be divided up into areas and adopted by task force members. It will be a two year project with the aim of having the island nations up to standard by the end of 1995."

Dempsey says Australia has agreed to the plan.

"Like it or not they (Australia) are in with Oceania and have now got to get on with it."

First step in the plan is the establishment of soccer academies throughout the region by FIFA coach Heinz Marotzke starting next month.

The academies will be similar to the one established by him here last year.

Dempsey says once the new academies are up and running he hopes New Zealand and Australian coaches will provide the follow-up work.

Much of the funding for the academies and the work of the task force could come from



CHARLIE DEMPSEY

this year's World Cup profits.

Dempsey says because Oceania has confederation status it will share in some of the

profits from Italy with the money specifically tagged for development purposes.

— reprinted from NZ'S SOCCER EXPRESS

"Viva World Cup"



LES MURRAY

STARTING this month, soccer lovers will be treated to another great show on SBS TV.

"Viva World Cup" will kick off on Thursday, February 22 at 7.30pm.

Hosted by Les Murray and Andy Paschalidis, the new programme will basically be a news magazine on international football — an extension of "World Soccer", but with more action and goals.

The programme will include all the latest news, player profiles and interviews on the

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Wash-out a boon for Marconi

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

LAST week's wash-out could have come as a blessing in disguise for the battle-weary defending champions Marconi who play host to strugglers St George on Saturday.

With ace Zlatko Nastevski out for the season, Fred de Jong on New Zealand duty and several players on national and state duty, Marconi now has time to regroup and coach Berti Mariani can concentrate on catching leaders Apia.

Tom McCulloch and Peter Katholos have been in commanding form in the middle for Marconi while de Jong may be rushed into the side to partner the under-rated David Lowe.

The Saints have struggled since the departure of Scott Ollerenshaw but will look to leading scorer Tony Krslovic and in-form keeper John Filan to steer them clear of the relegation zone.

Marconi hammered St George 7-0 earlier in the season and hold the advantage over the years at home against the Saints and despite only one win in their last five at home, the inclusion of de Jong may give the champs the edge.

Relegation-threatened Blacktown tackle the rampaging Melbourne Croatia head-on at the Gabbie on Friday.

The odds are stacked firmly against the Demons and coach Walter Tamandl must work out a way to stop the explosive Adzic and Co.

Zelko Adzic has helped himself to five goals in the last four games as Croatia have moved to within two points of the lead.

Melbourne Croatia completely dominated the highly-fancied Olympic last week with only keeper Clint Gosling preventing a thrashing.

Blacktown have uncovered another fine custodian in Steve Mautone and Zarko Odzakov continues to impress as the Demons'



PHIL TRAIANEDES — in fine fettle for Australia and Preston — HECTOR CARRASCO photo

best performer, however top scorer Zlatko Arambasic has not scored for six matches and Blacktown desperately need their Aussie rep to find his touch once again.

Favourites

With Alan Davidson, Josip Biskic and Paul Donnelly leading the way, Melbourne Croatia will visit the Gabbie as hot favourites, having never dropped a point to the Demons in all matches between the two sides.

The much improved Melita Eagles visit leaders Apia in what should be a close tussle on the tight confines of Lambert Park on Sunday.

Melita last beat Apia six years ago but must rid the fundamental defensive errors from their game if they are to win against the pacesetters.

Twice they have had to come from behind in their last two games following mix-ups be-

tween fullback Craig Williams and keeper Alex McPherson.

Alfredo Barrios should return from suspension for the Eagles but if Rod Brown resumes Apia should win.

Sunshine and Sydney Croatia meet in what will be a most important encounter for both sides at Skinner Reserve.

The winner will keep alive slim hopes of a Top Five place while a loss may mean a fight against relegation for the remainder of the season.

Sunshine have Ernie Tapai slotting into the void left by injured star Ossie Latif and keeper Sean Keogh is in the best form of his career.

George Cross will face a rejuvenated Croatia that has won their last three away from home and scored eight goals in the process.

Sydney Croatia have not beaten Sunshine in Melbourne and a draw looks the most likely result here.

South Melbourne, who jumped into second place with their win over Sunshine last week, travel to Hindmarsh to play the inform Adelaide City on Sunday.

Angie Postecoglou, back from injury along with Mike Petersen returning from suspension, hold the key for Hellas' success in Adelaide.

Five players from Souths have been on national team duty, which has upset the plans of coach Ferenc Puskas in the lead-up to the important clash this week but more importantly the lack of form from their leading striker Paul Trimboli is a worry to the Melbourne side.

Travel

With eight goals in their last three matches, Adelaide City, led by Steve Maxwell and Carl Veart, are looking dangerous and with the home ground advantage should start slight favourites.

Preston, despite two straight losses, should get back on the winning track when they meet Wollongong on Sunday at Connor Reserve.

The loss of Andrew Zinni through injury has once again halted the Preston challenge for the Top Five but in George Jolevski with four goals in three matches they have a champion defender as he displayed for the Australian side.

Alongside Jolevski, Preston have Zoran Tasevski back from injury to strengthen the leaky defence.

Wollongong downed Preston for the first time in eight years back in November but have never beaten them in Melbourne and despite the recent efforts of David Skeen and Dragan Pupovac should slip further into relegation

trouble.

Tunnel

Sydney Olympic will have their hands full with giant-killing Adelaide Hellas at St George Stadium also on Sunday.

There is light at the end of the tunnel for the league's newcomers who at the start of the season looked odds-on to slide straight back to the State League.

Olympic were unimpressive against Melbourne Croatia last week and have won only once in their last seven games but will have their best performed striker Marko Perinovic back after suspension.

Robbie Slager and Alby Kidd have led Hellas through their recent purple patch while Ray Blair continues to find the net as he did last week against Preston.

With victories against Top Five contenders Preston and Apia in recent matches, Brian Garvey's revived Hellas will come to Sydney full of confidence but Olympic may be too strong for the visitors.



Alex McPherson

Quit National League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
*Apia Leichhardt	14	8	4	2	22	11	20
South Melbourne	15	8	3	4	21	12	19
*Marconi	14	6	6	2	27	14	18
Melbourne Croatia	15	7	4	4	27	18	18
Adelaide City	14	7	4	3	21	14	18
Sydney Olympic	15	7	3	5	22	12	17
Preston	15	6	3	6	17	18	15
Sunshine GC	15	5	4	6	19	24	14
*Sydney Croatia	14	5	2	7	20	23	12
*Melita Eagles	14	4	4	6	10	15	12
*St George	14	3	5	6	16	25	11
Wollongong City	14	4	3	7	12	22	11

* One game in hand

Results

ROUND 14: PRESTON 1 (S. Smith) MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (F. Awaritefe, Z. Adzic) at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 4252.

ROUND 15: MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (I. Kelic, Z. Adzic) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (G. Phillips) at Somers Street Stadium. Crowd: 3700 (est). SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (K. Taliadoros) SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 0 at Middle Park. Crowd: 3140. ADELAIDE HELLAS 2 (B. Wright, R. Blair) PRESTON 0 at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 3186.

Crowds

ROUND 14: 20,929.
AVERAGE PER GAME: 2,998.

ROUND 15: 10,026*
AVERAGE PER GAME: 3370
TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 301,420*

* does not include last week's postponed Wollongong v Apia, Melita Eagles v Ad City, St George v Sydney Croatia and Marconi v Blacktown.

Top Scorers

Zlatko Nastevski	(Marconi)	11
Rod Brown	(Apia Leichhardt)	10
David Seal	(Sydney Croatia)	8
Zeljko Adzic	(Melb Croatia)	7
Greg Brown	(Parramatta Melita)	6
Joe Caleta	(Melb Croatia)	6
Tony Krslovic	(St George)	6
Steve Smith	(Preston)	6
Paul Trimboli	(South Melbourne)	6
Abbas Saad	(Sydney Olympic)	6

Team of Round 14

S. Keogh (Sunshine)
B. Hiern (Adelaide Hellas)
K. Okon (Apia)
S. Jackson (Preston)
L. Kindtner (Sunshine)
B. Milosevic (Melb Croatia)
J. Biskic (Melb Croatia)
G. Arnold (Sydney Croatia)
S. Maxwell (Ad City)
F. Awaritefe (Melb Croatia)

Player of Round 14*



Steve Maxwell (Adelaide City)

* Team and Player of Round 15 will be picked when last week's washed out matches have been played.

Weekend fixtures



ROUND 16

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9
BLACKTOWN CITY v MELBOURNE CROATIA
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10
SUNSHINE GC v SYDNEY CROATIA
MARCONI v ST GEORGE BSC
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11
APIA LEICHARDT v PARRAMATTA MELITA
PRESTON v WOLLONGONG CITY
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v ADELAIDE HELLAS
ADELAIDE CITY v SOUTH MELBOURNE

Gabbie Stadium 7.30pm

Skinner Reserve 6pm

Marconi Stadium 7pm

Lambert Park 6pm

Connor Reserve 6pm

St George Stadium 7pm

Hindmarsh Stadium 8pm

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Olympic lose despite brilliant keeper

BY JOHN MANGAN

SYDNEY OLYMPIC have goalkeeper Clint Gosling to thank that they left Melbourne Croatia on Saturday suffering only a 2-1 defeat.

Letter

W.M. Ste Croix's letter of 20/12/89 excellently summed up the feelings of many devoted soccer fans in respect to the performances over the years by many of the NSL officials we have had.

If there was a prize for timorousness our successive NSL executives must surely win hands down.

The almighty bar to Soccer's progress in respect to match attendances is the media's cynical refusal to give soccer a fair crack of the whip when it comes to allocation of space in the press and time on television.

So timid are our executives that, instead of fighting tooth and nail to have the whole stinking matter redressed in a just and equitable manner, nary a whisper is heard.

Soccer's imperative task is to storm the media Bastille.

This can be done but it will take time.

I believe the whole NSL executive must stop interstate back stabbing.

Soccer's highest priority as we enter the 1990's is for an upsurge of virile leadership by our NSL executive, together with a move to have self-effacement made redundant once and for all.

Alla Goldsworthy
60 Marsden Rd,
West Ryde 2114



CLINT GOSLING — saved a penalty.

The veteran Kiwi international pulled off a string of memorable saves in the second half — including a Zeljko Adzic penalty — to keep Olympic within one goal of the home team.

After a fierce 25 minute opening spell Olympic lost direction.

the net.

Only five days earlier they had seen Croatia face the same problem when against Preston they established a stranglehold on midfield only to scrape home with a 2-1 victory.

Croatia's first goal produced the game's major controversy.

Francis Awaritefe had fought his way into the box and both he and Ivan Kelic swung at ball before it flew into the net.



Immediately after the goal neither player seemed sure who had scored though the direction the ball took suggested Awaritefe had connected more solidly. Nevertheless, the word came from the dressing room that most of the players gave the goal to Kelic.

Croatia consolidated their lead in the third minute of time added onto the end of the first half when Branko

Melbourne Croatia

Rados	6
Davidson	6
Marth	6
Donnelly	7
Hannah	6
Duzel	7
Milosevic	6
Biskic	6
Kelic	6
Adzic	7
Awaritefe	6
(Markovski 78m)	

Scorers: Kelic 40m, Adzic 45m for Melbourne Croatia; Phillips 50m (pen) for Sydney Olympic.

Referee: J. Santa Isabel 7.

Crowd: 3,700 (estimated).

Sydney Olympic

Gosling	8
Barrett	6
Georgakis	6
Hooker	7
Plataniotis	6
Phillips	6
Lee	6
Ollerenshaw	5
Saud	4
Bernal	6
Koch	5
(Hristodoulou 60m)	



ZELJKO ADZIC — back amongst the goals and the motivating force behind Melbourne Croatia's surge.

Round 14

Two handy points for Melb Croatia

BY JOHN MANGAN

MELBOURNE CROATIA picked up two handy away points beating Preston 2-1 at Connor Reserve last Monday week, but the scoreline failed to reflect Melbourne Croatia's domination of the game.

Preston have paid the cost of summer soccer as hard grounds force an increasing number of injuries. The team was without three players who have worn the green and gold of the Socceroos — Oscar Cribno, Warren Spink and Andrew Zinni.

Also sidelined was Preston's defensive pivot, Zoran Tasevski — but still it was a lamentable performance by the team.

Croatia were able to stumble along with one of their defenders, Andrew Marth, almost immobile from a leg injury, but still Preston could not get back in the game.

Though the hard, bumpy ground did not suit Croatia's ball-players such as Josip Biskic, Branko Milosevic and Zeljko Adzic, a blazing first 20 minutes set the team on the road to victory.

The nuggety Paul Donnelly set up Croatia's first goal in the sixth minute with a cross to Francis Awaritefe, who headed the

visitors into the lead.

At the 16-minute mark Adzic made it 2-0 running onto an Awaritefe shot across the face of goal which bounced off the post.

Joe Rados appeared hesitant in Croatia's goal though his most difficult save came from a wayward backpass from the normally unapproachable Alan Davidson.

At the other end Preston keeper Phil Traianedes made a couple of marvellous reflex saves in the second half, first from Adzic and then Awaritefe, but nothing could salvage a miserable afternoon for the team.

Preston's consolation goal came in the last minute when Steve Smith knocked a ball from substitute Lou Bekiaris into the net.

Preston's other substitute was Joe Markovac, Robert's younger brother, who has been making a name for himself in the youth team.

PRESTON: Traianedes 6, Runje 6, Jolevski 7, Jackson 7, Piculovski 5, Temcev 6 (J. Markovac 67m), Petrov 6, Sifkas 5, Smith 6, R. Markovac 6, Momirovski 5 (Bekiaris 73m).

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Rados 5, Davidson 6, Marth 4, Donnelly 7, Hannah 6, Talaric 7, Milosevic 7 (Selemidis 88m), Biskic 8, Markovac 6, Adzic 7, Awaritefe 7.

Scorers: Smith 90m for Preston; Awaritefe 7m, Adzic 16m for Croatia.

Referee: D. Voutsinas.

Crowd: 4252

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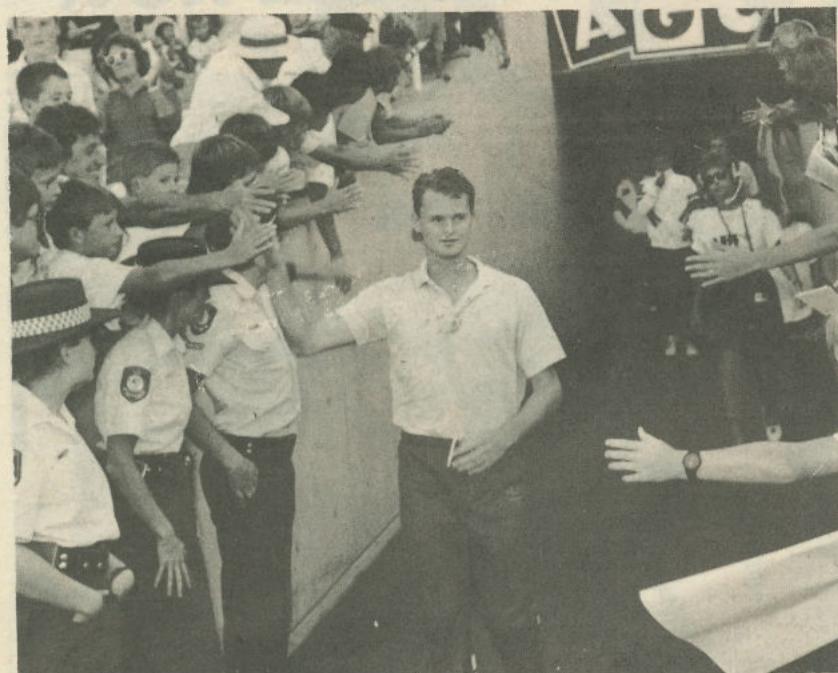
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Souths squeak home

BY GREG BLAKE



Mike Petersen and his adoring fans. What a sensational match the South Melbourne midfielder had for the Socceroos against Moscow Torpedo on Friday!

FOR 45 minutes
South Melbourne Hellas stood teetering on the brink of the giant hole it was digging for itself with a first half of undisciplined and uncertain football.

That Sunshine George Cross wasn't able to shove Hellas into the pit of no return before half time in Sunday's clash at Middle Park was sheer good luck to the home side.

George Cross had had its chance to bury Hellas and when it didn't the Hellas machine showed no mercy to run away with the game after half time.

South Melbourne struck five minutes after half time for the only goal of the game through Kimon

Taliadoros, but pity poor Jeff Faulkner for his part in the goal, the only blot on his otherwise fine performance.

Faulkner had done well to intercept Peter Tsolakis' through ball for big Kimon but the Sunshine veteran hit his first-time back pass weakly and Taliadoros

loomed out of the darkness and blasted his way clear before smashing the ball past unlucky Sean Keogh.

Keogh was unlucky simply because for the third successive game he proved that he is one of the best keepers in the land with another display of tempered acrobatics and simple solid goalkeeping.

He could do nothing to stop Taliadoros' effort but he did go on to produce outstanding saves from Taliadoros in the 61st minute, Tsolakis in the 67th, Trimboi eight minutes

later and Tsolakis again four minutes from full time.

South Melbourne, which has now dropped just a single point in eight home appearances this season, had laboured hard for the first 45 minutes of Sunday's clash.

George Cross, Hellas' bogey team for many years, looked set to add to its two

South Melbourne	Sunshine
MacLaren	7
Healy	5
Postecoglou	5
Durakovic	6
Blair	6
Wright	5
Wade	6
Palatsides	5
Tsolakis	6
Taliadoros	5
Trimboi	4
(Michalakopoulos 82m)	5
Keogh	8
Campelj	6
Roodhouse	6
Ketsakidis	7
Parton	6
Kindtner	7
Clarkson	6
Faulkner	6
Hasler	4
(Carter 87m)	5
P. Foster	5
Tapai	6

Scorer: Taliadoros 50m for South Melbourne.
Yellow cards: Healy 32m, Wade 51m for Souths; Clarkson 27m, Tapai 51m, Hasler 58m for Sunshine.

Referee: J. McConnell 5
Crowd: 3140.

Preston blitzed by Hellas

BY ALAN CLARK

PRESTON was shaken, rattled and then rolled by Hellas on Sunday at Hindmarsh.

Coach Ljube Jancev must have known he was in for a torrid time facing rejuvenated Hellas without injured Warren Spink, Oscar Crino and Andrew Zinni.

But he could not have anticipated the power, pace and penetration from Hellas.

Strikers Raymond Blair and Billy Wright led Preston a merry dance.

Hellas realised it had been given a life at the break and to their credit Ferenc Puskas' charges, five of whom had turned out for the Socceroos on Friday night and another two, Postecoglou and Wright, were returning to first team duties after injury, took up the challenge.

Hellas turned the match around in a trice and managed to engage the small crowd with an impressive display despite the heavy storms which drenched Middle Park throughout the afternoon.

Sunshine

Keogh	8
Campelj	6
Roodhouse	6
Ketsakidis	7
Parton	6
Kindtner	7
Clarkson	6
Faulkner	6
Hasler	4
(Carter 87m)	5
P. Foster	5
Tapai	6

The big Socceroo keeper was called on to show his class just minutes later when he denied Blair whose 25 metre thunderbolt came at the end of a skilled move involving Alby Kidd and Greg Mills.

Blair beat Traianedes minutes before the break but the ball squirmed past. Just on the interval, Traianedes again saved well from

Wright.

Preston had their best spell of pressure just after the interval when Steve Smith, always the customer most likely to score, slid two attempts just past.

George Jolevski was prominent in the Preston build-ups but Brenton Hiern, Greg Mills, Robbie Slager and Nick Mousoulis, in front of cool keeper Chris Tsolieridis kept the visitors at bay.

Blair then killed them off in 75 minutes. He broke down the left and cut back a shot that took a slight deflection past Traianedes.

Hellas then was on fire and Preston did well to keep them to just two goals.

Both Hellas men were on the goalsheet. Wright scored his first home goal in 18 minutes. He took a long Richard Miranda throw in his stride and cut into the edge of the penalty area and unleashed a fierce left-foot drive past Phil Traianedes.

Adelaide Hellas

Tsolieridis	6
Hiern	7
Mills	7
Mousoulis	6
Slager	7
Miranda	6
Watkins	5
(Vatsilas 89m)	
Kidd	5
Wright	7
Blair	8
Stamatopoulos	6

Preston

Traianedes	8
Runje	5
(Ferrante 76m)	
Tasevski	6
Piculovski	6
Temcev	5
Petrov	6
Slifkas	6
Smith	7
R. Markovac	6
Momirovski	5
(J. Markovac 76m)	

Scorer: Wright 18m, Blair 75m for Hellas.

Yellow cards: Wright 22m, Petrov 24m, Momirovski 47m, Runje 71m for Preston.

Referee: Richard Lorenc 7.

Crowd: 3186.

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Australia v Torpedo Moscow 3-0

Sizzling Socceroos

BY GREG BLAKE

DESPITE the nature of the Socceroos' emphatic 3-0 thrashing of Moscow Torpedo at Olympic Park last Friday night there was no disguising the sombre mood of the Aussie camp at the post-match press conference.

The Aussies' win was as convincing as it was entertaining with the probables and the hopefulls of the 'new generation' of Socceroos mixing a dash of flair, a chunk of determination, superb discipline and an abundance of skill to make up a potent brew.

It was the kind of recipe which would have seen the normally animated Arok at his beaming and ebullient best following any of his previous 89 internationals in charge of the green and gold.

Try as they might neither Arok nor skipper Charlie Yankos could disguise the fact that the uncertainty over Arok's tenure as national boss had left a dark cloud hanging over the Socceroo contingent.

Australia was irresistible as it went about destroying the Moscow machine just as it looked set to finish its



GRAHAM ARNOLD — two-goal hero.

five match tour well and truly undefeated.

The Aussies took the newly-named Razvite Cup in style with a team

largely thrown together for the first time and yet there was hardly a weak link.

The Aussies' first vic-

tory over a Soviet national or club team in eleven tries was set up by 11 men seemingly driven by a desperate desire.

Australia, after looking a little disjointed early on, took little time to settle into stride and sprinted away to coast to a 2-0 lead at half-time thanks to goals from Alex Tobin and Graham Arnold.

Arnold's second goal a minute after the interval gave the Socceroos an unassailable lead and Arok was able to do as he wished with five second half substitutes all getting a run and still managing to restrict the Soviet team to just two half-chances.

Few in the starting Aussie line-up failed to impress.

Fantastic

Graham Arnold was fantastic, his two goals just the tip of the iceberg capping off his usual 110 percent effort.

Older hands Yankos and Mike Petersen showed effortless control in defence and midfield respectively and Ian Gray was solid if not spectacular.

Robert Zabica was never asked to perform goalkeeping miracles but the tall South Australian custodian did everything required of him.

The big pluses to come out of the night were Gary van Egmond, George Jolevski, 'Gerry' Adzic, Aurelio Vidmar and particularly Alex Tobin.

Big, strong and mobile Tobin fitted in with Yankos at the centre of defence perfectly and he, like the rampaging Jolevski at left back, was unafraid to storm forward and support attacks.

Adzic only turned it on for a period of around 30 minutes on either side of half time but when he did, oh brother.

That Adzic was on song during Australia's best period of the game was no coincidence.

Torpedo, which boasted only four shots on target for the night, went desperately close only once, just before half time when Nikolai Savichev sent a drive spearing wide of the post with Zabica beaten.

But by that stage the Socceroos had already claimed complete superiority.

Jolevski's 19th minute looping free kick set up the first Aussie goal as the ball deflected to Tobin on the far post and he dived to head the ball home.

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Arok euphoria

IN the euphoria that followed the Socceroos' 3-0 win against Torpedo last Friday evening in Melbourne, coach Frank Arok declared that Australian soccer was beginning a new era.

He said Australia had never been represented by a group of more talented players than the ones who avenged the 2-0 loss in Sydney a fortnight earlier.

"We managed to convince these guys that it was up to them to show that they are the best in the country," Arok said.

"Everyone knew about their skills but they needed to show the so-called Australian fighting qualities as well — and they did.

"Australia has never played with as many skilful ball players as we did at Olympic Park and it was the first time that we did not have a single player who was out there specifically to destroy."

The planning Arok put into the match was typical of the fastidious coach he has had throughout his years with the Socceroos.

He said before the two-match series that he would use almost entirely separate squads in Sydney and Melbourne in order to give as many players as possible a taste of international competition.

"I was adamant all along that these are the best players in Australia and that they have to be kept together irrespective of whether I am the coach for two minutes or two decades," Arok said.

It was the only reference Arok made to his possible retirement.

The Australian Soccer Federation has announced it would advertise the national coaching position world-wide when Arok's contract expires on July 31.

The Federation made clear Arok was welcome to apply but those close to him believe he will step down.

If he does he will leave a firm foundation for whoever succeeds him.

Even Torpedo coach Valentin Ivanov declared after the game that every Australian player had been excellent.

"They played a great game — something really different,"

he said. Arok expects Zeljko Adzic, Aurelio Vidmar and George Jolevski to remain key players in the new national team after their outstanding performances in Melbourne.

He also hailed Mike Petersen for the leadership qualities he displayed.

"He was the conductor. So many people said he could not do it on his own but he took over completely," Arok said.

"And Graham Arnold was equally magnificent. He has to be just about the first player selected in the national team.

"All in all, I am extremely optimistic about Australia's future. We've got another six to eight talented players we can still bring into the squad."

Captain Charlie Yankos, who played his 90th match for the Socceroos, said the team that played in Melbourne was better balanced than the injury-hit side that lost in Sydney.

He also said the players had been conscious that it might have been their last game under Arok, but he claimed it did not have a bearing on their performance.

Classy Muscovites trounce weak NSW

BY MARIO ETCHART



ROBBIE WHEATLEY: tried hard against Torpedo, but the Soviets were too classy for a depleted NSW at Brandon Park.

chipped the ball out of NSW goalkeeper Bob Catlin's reach.

Two minutes into the second half, Pudakov received a pass from striker Nikolai Savichev and, with a powerful drive, scored goal number two.

Vladimir Grecheyev, the best man on the park, closed the Russians' account in the 63rd minute with a brilliant shot after a one-two with Rinat Ataullin, who had come on for Pudakov in the 55th minute.

NSW did put some pressure on Torpedo in the last 10 minutes, but Muscovite

goalkeeper Sergei Chekmezov was equal to the task.

Torpedo's emphatic win was all the more impressive because four players stayed in Sydney for a breach of discipline (they were found smoking!).

NSW: Catlin 6 (Filan 5), Barrett 4 (Blagojevic 5), de Marigny 6, Calderan 5 (van Blerk 55m), Wheatley 5, M. Jones 4, Bundale 4, Arambasic 4 (Batten 70m), Katholos 5 (Grbavski 4), Lowe 5.

MOSCOW TORPEDO: Chekmezov, Polukarov, Kalaychev, Shustikov, Rogovskoi (Kovach 57m), Grecheyev, Y. Savichev, Pudakov (Ataullin 55m), N. Savichev, Shirinbekov (Gritsylev 55m, Agashkov 62m), Shukov.

REFEREE: J. McConnell.

CROWD: 2642.

Mariani's comments



AFTER NSW's defeat in Wollongong state coach Berti Mariani said the Russians were 'really hot' and they took it easy towards the end.

'My players aren't dejected about the outcome as they see it as a learning experience,' Mariani said.

'The Russians have been here for almost three weeks and have gradually built up to their best form.'

'They go home to continue their league this week and all their players turned it on in this game.'

Mariani said he'd had to rely too much on some individual brilliance from his players to get a result.

The NSW team can — and will — perform

much better if it gets a chance to prepare rationally for a match.

NSW State teams are very much the "step children" in the eyes of officials and it has been years since any thought went into preparing them at interstate or international level.

If that is to be the case, it would be better if NSW did not bother with so-called "state" sides.

— LOU GAUTIER

Georgie Best and the "Lawman" hit Sydney

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

FORMER Manchester United megastars George Best and Denis Law assisted with publicity at a press conference on Monday at Sydney's Camperdown Travelodge Motel to help promote the BEST vs LAW match this Sunday at the St George Stadium.

This exhibition match will kick off at 5pm and will be the curtain-raiser to Sydney Olympic's home clash against Adelaide Hellas which is set down for 7pm.

The BEST vs LAW fixture is being staged as a fund-raiser for the Lidcombe Hospital's Head Injury Unit.

Mr George Clarke organised this match to help raise funds which will be utilised to purchase a high-tech video camera to enable surgeons to monitor the progress of patients admitted to the hospital suffering head injuries.

Mr Clarke's own son, Robert, was one such patient, having suffered severe head injuries in a car smash.

Each player in Best's and Law's teams will pay \$100 for the privilege of playing alongside these former United superstars.

Playing in George Best's side will be players of the calibre of Jimmy Herron, Willie Hamilton, Michael Cockerill, John Stoddart, Jimmy McGill, Laurie Waters, David Hill, John Doyle and Alan Hagan (brother of Sydney Olympic striker, Kevin).

The 'Lawman's' XI will include Eddie Thomson, John Kosmina, Johnny Curran, Andy Paschalidis, Andy Lee, Barry Mather, David McAusland and Fergie Lennon.

Georgie Best was arguably the most incredibly skilled flank-striker the world has ever seen.

He ripped defences to pieces with his unbelievable elastic ball control and also possessed a lethal shot from either boot from any angle that brought him and Manchester United a flood of goals.

Denis Law, a multi-Scottish international, was recognised throughout the world for his lethal aerial power, crashing rocketing headers into goals from the most impossible angles.

Best is expected to make Australia his home for six months of the year and is keen to get involved in the local coaching scene.

Later this month back in London, Best will be releasing his long awaited red-hot book entitled "I Did It

My Way".

Denis Law, aged 49 and capped 55 times for Scotland, told ASW yesterday that he still rates Real Madrid's Alfredo Di Stefano as the greatest player by a mile.

When ASW asked him his selection for this year's World Cup, the "Lawman" said he could not separate Brazil, Holland, Argentina and the host nation, but he slightly favoured the Italians.

"Regarding the game today," he stated, "teams now go out NOT to lose. In my day we went out to WIN only."

In reference to Sunday's charity match at St George Stadium — the Best vs Law clash — superstar George Best said: "Coming



George Best and Denis Law catch up with the latest and the best with "Australian Soccer Weekly" — what else?



Sydney Olympic president George Pashalis, organiser of last Monday's press conference, with the world-class guests reading ASW.

from Belfast, I have seen a lot of hardship there so I know how hard life can be.

"I went to see George Clarke's son, Robert, and it's all the incentive we need to raise further funds for the Lidcombe Hospital to buy this special high-tech video camera."

When Georgie Best was asked by ASW for his World Cup choice, he leaned heavily on Holland as well as Brazil.

"Those two nations in particular play a highly colourful type of game which is synonymous with a true champion."

"However, I must underline that as far as Holland is concerned, the fitness of Ruud

Gullit, obviously is of paramount importance."

George Best and Denis Law will be appearing at the North Sydney Leagues' Club at 7.30pm on Saturday, February 10 and on Sunday they will hold the ultimate soccer camp at Parklea.

The two superstars will also be at the St George Leagues' Club tomorrow, Thursday, February 8.

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Olympic Park — 8pm

ROUND 2
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
ADELAIDE CITY v ADELAIDE HELLAS Hindmarsh Stadium — 8pm
SUNSHINE GC v SOUTH MELBOURNE Olympic Park — 8pm
ST GEORGE v SYDNEY CROATIA St George Stadium — 7.30pm

Player points award

BY GREG BLAKE



TOM McCULLOCH: in second place.

MELBOURNE
Croatia's former
Socceroo champion Alan Davidson is the new
leader in the ASW-Bayswater Indoor
Soccer Centre Player of the Year
award.

"Davo" earned six and seven points in his two club games over the Australia Day weekend to give him clear leadership in the race to find the QNSL 1989/90 best player.

Davidson is closely pressed by St George goalkeeper John Filan, Marconi's Tommy McCulloch and Sydney Croatia's Graham Arnold, all of whom are tied for second place after the votes were tallied and averaged at the end of Round 14.

Davidson is now on target for the splendid trophy and \$250 cheque sponsored by Melbourne's Bayswater Indoor Soccer Centre, Australia's number one indoor centre.

Exciting young custodian Filan is also in line for the Goalkeeper of the

Hellas) 6.27.
C. Moffitt (St George) 6.27.
T. Pezzano (Apia) 6.23.
G. Brown (Melita) 6.23.
A. Kidd (Adelaide Hellas) 6.21.
M. Petersen (South Melbourne) 6.21.
D. Pupovac (Wollongong) 6.21.
J. Markovski (Melbourne Croatia) 6.20.



Super League 'war' hots up

BY GREG BLAKE

THE Victorian state Super League war isn't over despite assurances from the Victorian Soccer Federation that the new league would kick off, as planned, this month.

On the day the draw for the new competition was released to the media five dissenting clubs demanded that the VSF withdraw its plans for the league reorganisation or face legal proceedings.

The ASW-Bayswater Soccer Centre Player of the Year award leader board following Round 14 stands as follows:

A. Davidson (Melbourne Croatia) 6.67.
J. Filan (St George) 6.64.
T. McCulloch (Marconi) 6.64.
G. Arnold (Sydney Croatia) 6.64.
D. Lowe (Marconi) 6.62.
K. Hagan (Sydney Olympic) 6.60.
A. Bundalo (Apia) 6.57.
G. Jolevski (Preston) 6.57.
M. Durakovic (South Melbourne) 6.45.
D. Clarkson (George Cross) 6.45.
G. Phillips (Sydney Olympic) 6.43.
Z. Adzic (Melbourne Croatia) 6.38.
A. Tobin (AdCity) 6.38.
A. McPherson (Melita) 6.36.
J. Caleta (Melbourne Croatia) 6.30.
R. Slager (Adelaide)

moves by the dissenting clubs and doubted it would come to that.

"It is the ASF's position to go to FIFA and that will only happen if we feel we have to it."

Clubs in Victoria's new Super League are Melbourne JUST, Heidelberg, Brunswick Juventus, Altona Gate, Bulleen, Caulfield City, Green Gully, Morwell Falcons, Northcote City, St Albans and Thomastown.

The Round 1 draw for 1990 is: Saturday, February 24 — Altona Gate v Northcote City, Morwell Falcons v Croydon City; Sunday, February 25 — Juventus v St Albans, Green Gully v Caulfield City, JUST v Bulleen, Heidelberg v Thomastown.

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—GREG BLAKE

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Epic Juventus book is a labour of love

BY GREG BLAKE



their home to help keep the club financial during a recent low point in Juve's history.

Author Martin, a former secretary of Juventus, a life-long fan of the club and once president of the Australian Soccer Press Association, believes Juventus will pull out of its current slump despite the bitter in-fighting now dogging the club.

Martin combines his work in the building industry with a job as sports editor of LA FIAMMA and has been a regular on the Victorian soccer scene for over 30 years.

The book 'Juve, Juve' is on sale at \$21.00 per copy, plus postage and handling, and can be bought through Italian bookstores or through the author himself (phone 03 314 7096).

Meanwhile, the turmoil at Juventus has come to a head with a special meeting called at the club for February 15 by committee members trying to oust new president Joseph Mirabella.

Committee members are reportedly upset at Mirabella's handling of club affairs since taking over from Dominic Tenuta late last year.

JUVE! JUVE!

EGILBERTO MARTIN



Bradley Report needs support

PART 1

BY KEITH GILMOUR

WITH the Australian Soccer Federation's management consultant, Dr Graham Bradley, having completed the round of the states, the plan for improvements to ensure the future of soccer is being laid.

Allowing for the excellent job done to revive cricket by Kerry Packer's organisation and huge improvement in rugby league since it engaged the Coopers and Lybrand team, it seems that the public is entitled to expect a great deal from Dr Bradley's Report to the ASF.

Especially of course as the NSL has not made sufficient headway with the general public since its launch for the 1977 season.

The stage has been set, in particular, for the modernisation of the NSL.

If it does not happen, or is blinkered, heaven help the future of the game.

Platform

Of course Dr Bradley can't be expected to leap tall buildings at a single bound.

He can be expected to help to provide the platform to turn the game into something more football orientated, rather than in the main being either the sporting or the front for one or other of a few of the major ethnic groups.

A fresh reliance on principles and common sense is needed to create an Australian game for all born overseas or locally.

And it all has to be done whilst retaining as far as possible the ethnic support that made soccer grow across the states.

In summing Dr Bradley's tasks, it is quite clear that the National

Soccer League shortcomings must be the focus of attention.

Take publicity. Allowing that Stefan Kamasz of consultants CSS Ltd has released

same system, ridding the game of its surfeit of people who can too often ineffectively enter the management process.

The whole idea of the NSL is to be as national as possible, and to have viable football clubs.

It took many years to get the NSL on the track

answers to the Australian rules, rugby league and basketball clubs that, in the main, are successes in Australia.

One of the most difficult decisions to be determined following the completion of the Australian Soccer Federation's management review is that of the best formation for the National Soccer League.

The resolving of this matter calls for ability, tact and diplomacy, but more especially for an acute judgment.

Rugby League and Australian rules achieved a deal by redeploying existing failing clubs in new areas, where generally they are thriving.

Soccer must look closely at the sports entertainment market.

There is some logic in placing four or even six clubs for the time being in Sydney, four in Melbourne, and one each in Brisbane, Adelaide, Wollongong and Newcastle.

Some people, who do not seem to have yet fully adapted Australia, push for promotion and relegation.

Clubs can be re-elected or left alone under any sensible arrangement.

There are those

who turn their heads away from the fact that, with well over 30 years of Federation and NSL promotion and relegation behind the code, there is a lack of stability and an excess of fragmentation.

Usually some little clubs go down and others go up, with the small clubs demanding the right to promotion.

Some die out and get replaced.

There is practically no incentive for business people to produce the larger clubs that are needed for the code to grow.

Soccer so far has produced very few, if any.



Stefan Kamasz

details of a new program, there is little evidence of where the mentioned budget of \$170,000 is placed.

In fact, the financing of the NSL is all out of whack. About 2½ to 3 times the above figure goes on mainly air transport.

A national organisation can barely exist on this sort of basis.

Early management studies by the business educators of yesteryear revolved around gathering together resources under the subject heads of the 3Ms — men, money and machines.

Switch

Soccer must have the right leaders, better administrators and promoters, referees and crowds.

The ASF is functioning better under the guidance of five commissioners.

It is about time that the NSL switched to the

arrangement.

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Other cities could make application later, and be dealt with on their merits.

Thus the game would at last be targeting major geographical areas in addition to the highly important ethnic markets.

It amounts to the present ethnic groups inviting all the others into the game.

It has been said that soccer clubs would have to put some \$250,000 each up front, to enable the NSL to be financed properly.

This requirement would call for franchised or private clubs, and the financing would be difficult but perhaps not impossible to attain.

It could be that the code needs a blend of



TONY LABOZZETTA: his Marconi sets the standard for the rest of the QNSL to follow.

licensed clubs, franchised and privately controlled clubs.

Whichever way it is worked, the present situation must be improved.

Take the case of Sydney Olympic — well over \$500,000 in debt, and facing action by the Taxation Commissioner for a \$160,000 recovery.

For years ASW has cried to the skies for the NSL to start dealing with this and the other failures — to no avail.

The plight of some of the NSL clubs shrieks out for action — for analysis of half-yearly financial statements and for salary caps.

Like the rugby league, club officials would face expulsion for conniving in behind-the-counter deals.

Finances

The NSL should start to realise at last that, unless these matters are cleared up, the game will have not a snowflakes' chance in full of attaining credibility with the general public.

There is no real difficulty in introducing a simple computerised accounting system for all clubs to work on, which would facilitate quick judgment of club finances.

Under the generic title of "men" is involved the obtaining of higher standards of players and coaches, top administrators and referees, with due thought to where the crowds will come from.

Then the "machinery" element involves improving grounds and having better playing surfaces.

There is a long way to go, but earlier pressure on clubs is bringing results.

The point of having sufficient capital comes under the "money" heading.

Some people appear to judge the strength of some soccer clubs by feeling that they are akin to Marconi-Fairfield, which is backed by the huge and wealthy Marconi club.

progress must be made.

No apology is offered for pointing out that an alternative competition involves two regional divisions.

There is no need to dilute playing standards, as has occurred before.

A one-round draw and geographic area games are also possible.

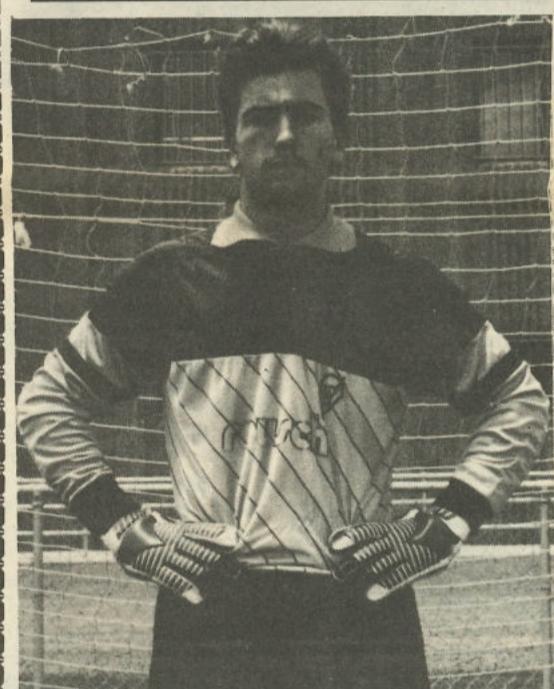
Depending upon the funding that Dr Bradley can visualise, the NSL can have one competition or two divisions.

The latter is preferred to state competitions, but the states could jazz up their acts if need be.

The NSL itself is starting to be operating better from a financial viewpoint, but much remains to be done for club soccer to make more than a ripple on the Australian sports scene.

(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK)

Young Aussie off to Chile



SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD goalkeeper Nathan Harris is in the process of signing for glamour Chilean club Colo Colo.

Nathan started playing soccer at the age of six, but was only convinced by his coach to take up the goalkeeping position at the age of eight.

His first youth league season was with Avala under 13s but when the club's under 14 goalie broke his arm, Nathan kept goal in both age groups.

Harris joined Sydney Croatia's under 14s and won the under 15 youth league and NSW state championships with the club.

Last season he linked up with his current Australian club, Marconi Southern Districts.

Given the chance of a lifetime to trial in Chile with two of the country's most prestigious teams, Colo Colo and Union

Espanola, he grabbed his opportunity with both hands.

After several days of trials and match appearances, Nathan was offered a contract with Colo Colo.

The contract is on its way and it won't be long before another young Australian is playing in top company abroad.

Nathan is very grateful to all the specialist coaches who have guided his career, including his current mentor, Nick Sokoloff.

He is also very appreciative of the time and effort John Manessi and Ron Corry have given him, not to mention Eduardo Meorbeck and Bert Mariani, who contributed so much to his training.

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Mixed fortunes for Aussies in Greek First Division

BY KEITH GILMOUR

ADELAIDE Hellas product Lou Hristodoulou is not currently in the first team of crack Greek club Panathinaikos.

And that, it could be said, hardly leaves him a contented footballer.

Speaking to the ABC, he said: "The whole position is one of politics, high up in the Panathinaikos committee.

"There is also just too much pressure on the players.

"The tension is tremendous.

"If the team is not going well you will find that your car has been damaged by hooligans.

"Other times you can't even leave the ground without police protection.

"It all leads to a lot of frustration."

Chris Kalantzis, the



Chris Kalantzis shares his joy with the Panathinaikos fans after scoring a goal.

former Sydney Olympic pin-up boy, now also with Panathinaikos, was "discovered" by the club's assistant coach, John Kalogeris, whilst on an Australian trip.

Said Chris, also on the ABC: "You have to be there (in Greece) to see what football is all about.

"Apart from normal wages, you have to win to collect the big money bonuses.

"My parents being Greek, I already spoke the language and was accustomed to Greek food.

"But over here it takes time to get used to the attitude of the people.

"It is, however, a great thrill to play in front of crowds of up to 90,000.

"You see the politics behind football, as well as the big money and the business decisions.

"For my part, I intend to stick in there, finish my contract if I want to, and then go back home".

He pointed to the discipline imposed on Greek players, many of whom otherwise would tend to enjoy the grand life to the detriment of their play.

Club squads are locked up in hotels from the Saturday prior to Sunday's game.

The same applies on Tuesdays if there is a Wednesday Cup game.

All this, Kalantzis says, is not conducive to a normal family life.

The attitude of the players is different in Greece to Australia.

Although some of the superstars are friendly, others are standoffish and keep a closed shop along with their particular mates.

In Australia there is more emphasis on team spirit — everyone talks to everyone else.

Hristodoulou said: "I suppose I can't blame the leading players for looking after their own hides".

The other former Sydney Olympic hero, Jason Polak, is naturally short on the Greek language, but is about to attend classes to enable him to communicate more readily.

Polak is the third Aussie at Panathinaikos.

It remains to be seen whether all three regularly link in with the club's first team.

Meanwhile, the Greek fans call them the "Jumping Kangaroos", and all three are doing their best in the big time.



JOAO HAVELANGE

Havelange in Olympic bid

BY LOU GAUTIER

FIFA president Joao Havelange may soon visit Melbourne to check out the city's bid for the 1996 Olympic Games.



SIR ARTHUR GEORGE

Victorian officials realise that soccer is a major part of the Olympic programme and winning the FIFA chief's seal of approval would be a feather in their cap.

Officials behind Melbourne's bid are reported to have asked Sir Arthur George, one of FIFA's honorary vice-presidents and a close friend of Havelange, to lobby on their behalf.

Sir Arthur asked Havelange to visit Melbourne, but this may be a problem because of his tight schedule in a World Cup year.

Soccer has always been the top drawcard at the Olympics.

Even in Los Angeles, in 1984, soccer was number one at the turnstiles despite a distinct lack of enthusiasm for the game in the USA.

Olympic Park, incidentally, was built for the 1956 Melbourne Olympics.

With 16 countries competing at the Olympics, matches would also be played in Sydney, Brisbane and Adelaide.

FIFA's recent ruling that all World Cup and Olympic games can only be staged in all-seater stadiums would involve updating several grounds around the country.



LOU HRISTODOULOU: pressure.

OPINION LINE

A surprisingly high number of respondents, some 74%, believe the ASF is correct in advertising for the position of national coach.

Over the next three weeks fans are asked to vote for whom they think should lead the Socceroos in Australia's next World Cup campaign.

Many believe Frank Arok should retain the position, many favour other local coaches such as Berti Mariani, Ferenc Puskas, Manfred Schaefer, Eddie Thomson, Les Scheinflug, Raul Blanco, Rale Rasic or Zoran Matic, while many believe we should seek an overseas coach.

For the cost of a local call fans can register their vote over the next three weeks by calling 0055 20526.

Just read out the name of the coach you want to lead Australia.

While final results will be published in three weeks' time, we will bring you progress scores as well.

The results of our last poll showed only 34% of fans believe Sydney Olympic and St George should amalgamate.

A strong 66% are opposed to any merger between two Sydney clubs.

— JOHN WARREN

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Schoolboys in Sth America

THE NSW Secondary Schools soccer team has just returned from a tour that would be the envy of Australia's senior national team.

The three-week visit to the mecca of football, South America, highlighted differences in styles of play, technique and mental attitude to the game as well a completely different approach to football, professionalism and the harnessing of junior talent.

The 16 players and four officials of the team will remember experiences such as being guests of the Argentine national team at training and playing before 80,000 people at Colo-Colo's Estadio Monumental and 40,000 at the National Stadium of Chile as unequalled by any sporting team to leave the shores of Australia.

Despite a failing economy, Argentina proved to be a nation of endless resources — at least in terms of football.

Live-in

The 'juv Australians' as the team became known were amazed at the barrenness of the land around the suburbs of Buenos Aires not for any particular climatic reason but because the religion of football in Argentina calls on every free patch of ground to be used as a soccer field from sunrise to sunset 365 days of the year.

Even in the city, the poorest of children can be seen with a makeshift ball playing soccer.

There are no cultural, socio-economic or other boundaries in the Argentines' attitude to the world game.

At the NSW schoolboys' very first training session at Palermo dozens of interested passers-by stopped to watch as they recognised a different treatment of the ball and a faster approach to the game that they knew.

A national television crew arrived on the scene to discuss the differences between Australian and Argentine football with team captain Pablo Gomez.

From then on, team members were stopped in the streets and mobbed at games — such is the keenness about the game and the high profile that it demands in Argentina.

At the brand-new Asociacion Del Futbol Argentino Complejo Habitacional Deportivo, a massive live-in training complex for the exclusive use of the senior national team, the NSW boys met greats of the likes of Valdano, Batista, Calderon and coach, Carlos Bilardo.

The training session



NEW SOUTH WALES SECONDARY SCHOOLS SOCCER SQUAD 1990 SOUTH AMERICAN TOUR: Back row: Philip Moss (Shore), Richard Johnson (St Peter's Maitland), Peter Henderson (St Joseph's Hunters Hill), John Ranic (Christian Bros. Lewisham), Cameron Wallace (Westport), Nathan Sargent (Oakhill). Middle: Norrie Cannon (Tour Manager, Knox), Martin Abi-Arrage (Christian Bros. Lewisham), John Crawley (Parramatta Marist) Peter Leslie (Barker), Cameron Jones (Shore), Tomislav Milicevic (Parramatta Marist) Dr David Moss. Front: Alex Araujo (St Patrick's Dundas), Jason Morris (Benedict Auburn), Greg McGriskin (Coach Patrician Bros. Fairfield), Pablo Gomez (c) (Benedict Auburn), Mark Fenech (Manager St Joseph's Hunters Hill), Giuseppe Serratore (Benilde), 'Chichi' Mendez (Patrician Bros. Fairfield).

oozed with professionalism. From the impeccable uniform of the players and officials to the immaculately manicured facilities to the desire of the players to finish every routine with an attempt at goal, the attitude of these people to the game was inspirational.

One can easily detect the same enthusiasm and hunger for soccer in both the children playing in the streets and these superstars of the modern game.

It was at the first game against Ferro Carril Oeste that differences in football styles and methods became apparent.

Facilities

The game was played not at the Ferro Stadium but at the club's massive training camp complex. It was true that the Argentines were testing out Australian football — they would not commit themselves to big plans until they knew that the New South Wales boys had the goods.

At this facility at Pontevedra, Ferro breed players which they scout from all over the country.

The Pontevedra complex, which is some 30km from the Ferro Stadium, has camping and cabin accommodation, five playing fields and swimming pool.

The Argentine game is much slower than the Australian style of soccer. This is not surprising when you know the people.

They are patient, yet great showmen. They are at ease in using their trickery on the ball and see this as as ordinary as the most basic of ball control techniques.

The ball is rarely off the ground with the exception of finishing a

movement from a cross from the byline. In Argentina, the entire body plays football, not just the feet.

By comparison, the Australian game can compete with the South American style but not on their terms.

Our physical fitness and speed on and off the ball unsettles the Argentine composure.

However, the Australian impatience that results in attacks down the middle of the park is easy for the South Americans to read.

They like our ability to shoot from a distance with power and this sometimes unsettles their goalkeepers which has traditionally been their weakest position.

Both the Ferro Carril Oeste Stadium complex and the Gimnasia Y Esgrima facilities at Palermo spare no expense in the training of children.

The clubs operate for the children as they are well aware of the value of investing time and skill in youngsters that will one day play for the club at the highest level.

Sporting etiquette is just as important to the South Americans as soccer itself.

Players kiss cheeks at the end of a game in the same way that friends greet each other in the street.

There is no embarrassment of showmanship about this. It is the warmest sign of respect that the Australians were shown.

After a week in the humidity of Buenos Aires, the more temperate climate of Chile reminded the boys of home. Their good showings in Argentina had preceded their arrival in Santiago to great advantage.

Immediately, the

team's hotel accommodation had been improved to a four star level by the hosts of the first game, Colo-Colo.

It was confirmed that the boys would play before no less than 80,000 fanatical spectators as a curtain-raiser to the match of the season between equal leaders Colo-Colo and Universidad Catolica.

Results

The NSW schoolboys trained at Colo-Colo and at Catolica. The likes of both stadiums are not available in Australia in any code.

The Aussies were fortunate enough to visit the training academy of Universidad Catolica and assist with the tuition of thousands of youngsters under the direction of university-trained professors of physical education.

The tour climax for the NSW boys was playing in front of the 80,000 crowd at Colo-Colo in which they were defeated only by a penalty.

The Chileans play a quicker one-touch and two-touch game that drifts across field, patiently waiting for an opening behind the defence.

Crosses are always pulled away from the keeper and positioned behind the retiring defence.

No player on the tour was more popular than goalkeeper John Crawley who has had offers to return to Argentina by Ferro and Colo-Colo have offered an all-expenses trial with the club.

It is sad to think that Crawley is only a reserve with Blacktown City's under 19 team.

While results on the scoreboard did not show a win for the Australians, the tour was a great success for Aus-

tralian soccer.

Results were 1-1 and 0-0 with Ferro and 0-1 with Gimnasia Y Esgrima in Argentina.

In Chile, 0-1 against Colo-Colo on a penalty, 1-4 to Everton first grade at Vina Del Mar, 0-3 the following day in a very tiring game against Magnalles and 0-2 in a close match against Universidad de Chile at the National Stadium in Santiago before 40,000 spectators.

The NSW secondary school team is planning a tour of Italy at the end of this year.

The NSW squad to tour South America was:

GREG MCGRISKIN (coach), MARK FENECH (assistant-coach, manager), NORRIE CANNON (tour manager), PABLO GOMEZ (captain), JOHN CRAWLEY, CAMERON JONES, GIUSEPPE SERRATORE, PHILIP MOSS, PETER HENDERSON, TOMISLAV MILICEVIC, MARTIN AB-ARRAGE, JASON MORRIS, PETER LESLIE, NATHAN SARGENT, CAMERON WALLACE, ALEJANDRO ARAUJO, GABRIEL 'CHI CHI' MENDEZ, JOHN RANIC, RICHARD JOHNSON, DR DAVID MOSS (medical officer).

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FIRSTLY, thank you for keeping your standards high as we attempt to bring soccer forward in the 1990s.

ASW is indeed the best football paper in Australia.

Now a matter which I feel is extremely important to me and many, many hundreds of other soccer and particularly Socceroo fans — discrimination by the "so called enforcers of the law" (police and security) against Australian football fans.

For the third time in as many visits to the Sydney Football Stadium, myself and my personal group of 30 friends, as well as many other groups of NSL fans were harassed, taunted, searched and eventually some thrown out for no more than loud vocal support for our beloved Socceroos.

Against Moscow Torpedo, for example, no-one made any attempt to go on the field, not once was any missile or flare thrown, not once was any threatening gesture or remark made, but still the police had to get their numbers up at our

ing the Moscow Torpedo vs Northern NSW game, with what was apparently the "wrong" brand of ball.

This ball was bought for David Lowe by me as part of a Christmas present with no thought of which would be the "allowed" brand.

Considering these photographs were not used to promote Marconi or the National Soccer League I find myself wondering if this sort of negative thinking is all officials are capable of and if so is it any wonder that soccer is regarded as a "minority" sport in this country?

It also raises a question in my mind that as this is the "QUIT" National Soccer League are any officials of either the ASL or the NSL clubs who smoke liable to be fined for smoking in public and if so where do we draw the line?

Dianne Lowe, Newcastle, NSW

PELISTER

THE immediate future of South Coast club Illawarra Pelister is in considerable doubt after



David Lowe

the club's application for the 1990 season was rejected by the Illawarra Soccer Association.

Rumours around local soccer circles suggest that the reasons behind the axing of the Macedonian-based club are that there were too many Macedonian teams in the Illawarra region and consequently Pelister and another Macedonian backed club, Portside SC, were cut from the 1990 competition.

Most people who hear the term "soccer fan" immediately will think we are animals to be pushed and bullied around by people our own age (22-27) in blue uniforms.

We are sick and tired of being taunted and harassed.

Please hear our plight.

We spend a lot of time and money for soccer, (trips interstate and functions) so just because we have a few beers and sing for Australian soccer, don't treat us like animals.

SOCER LOVER (name withheld at writer's request)

DAVID LOWE

IT is with a feeling of sheer disbelief that I write to you regarding the story I read in the edition of your paper dated 24/1/90.

I was amazed to discover that Marconi Soccer Club were fined for photographs taken of David Lowe, promot-

Peter Runcic
Wollongong, NSW

"The Kat" is still tipping Marconi

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

AS the inaugural QNSL summer season goes into its second round of the competition with a number of clubs mounting legitimate challenges for Marconi's title, there is no shortage of predictions as to where the biggest danger is likely to come from.

One man who possibly has more credentials than most to make the best judgement however has got very lit-

tle doubt.

"Adelaide City is definitely the one which could give us most problems in our effort to complete a championship hat-trick", says Marconi's stylish midfielder Peter Katholos — and he should know.

"Forget the so-called slump we're supposed to be going through", he says with firm conviction.

viable record of three successive championship medals and what's more, Katholos is convinced he's on the way to a fourth.

"We're playing some tremendous stuff and creating plenty of chances even though Zlatko Nastevski and Fred de Jong have obviously been missed.

"Marconi will undoubtedly retain the championship but Adelaide City will make it tough for us".

The 28 year-old former Socceroo expects Apia Leichhardt, Sydney Olympic and Melbourne Croatia to make up the five for the play-offs and although he has a high regard for the others, he has been most impressed with the side Manfred Schaefer has put together at Apia.

"They're very well organised, extremely fit and playing good soccer but I feel that they may lack in big-match experience when finals time comes around", he predicted.

That same experience is what makes Katholos so wary of Adelaide City.

"They have been there and done it", is his assessment.

Contrary to Apia, Zoran Matic has basically kept the same side which won the title in 1986 and the inclusion of Milan Ivanovich

and Carl Veart adds another dimension to their game".

When Marconi came away from Hindmarsh with a 1-1 draw recently, Katholos was more than a little impressed.

"It was the only time we have been outplayed this season", he admitted.

"But we still managed to come home with a point. That must say something for the character we have in the side".

The big doubt hovering over Marconi has got to be the absence of ace goalscorer Zlatko Nastevski, but Katholos is convinced that even his tragic loss can be overcome.

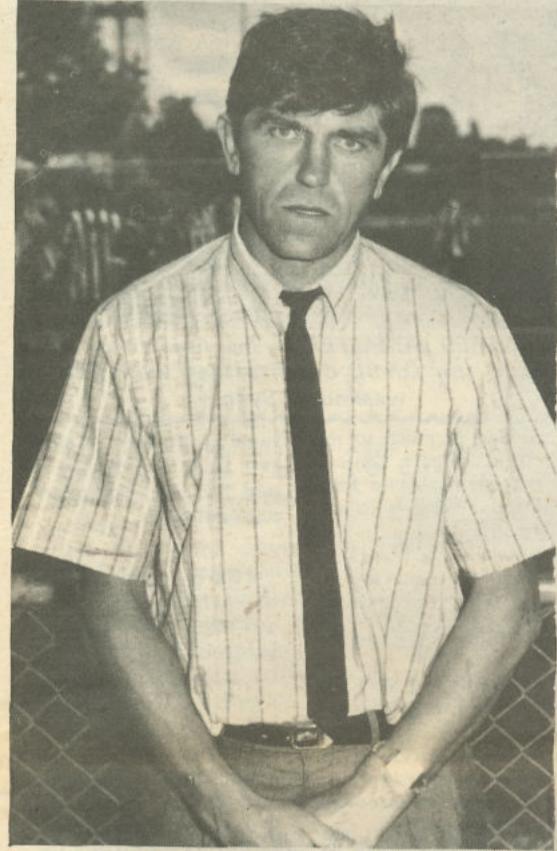
"Obviously it's not easy to replace someone like Zlatko", he says. "But there is sufficient belief in ourselves to enable us to work around it".

"Besides, Senad Glavovic has already shown that he's no slouch when it comes to finding the net".

Although Katholos has enjoyed more than his fair share of success at club level, he's in no way satisfied just yet.

"I need to keep it going in order to make up for my disappointments with the Socceroos", he confessed.

There's a long way to go yet before the Kat's prediction of a Marconi v Adelaide City grand final comes to fruition, but if it does, it will certainly provide fans with a classic finale to an absorbing season.



ZORAN MATIC... same side.



Peter Katholos in action: he's confident Marconi can do it again.

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FRANK FARINA has won two coveted annual awards in Belgium. The Socceroo star was voted best foreign player of 1989 and also topped the voting as the revelation of the season.

Farina continues to top the First Division scoring chart as his club, FC Brugge, surge towards the title.

★★★

FRED de Jong scored New Zealand's goal in the opening match of the King's Cup in Bangkok, Thailand, last week when the All Whites lost their opening match 2-1 to the Soviet Union's Olympic (under 23) team.

★★★

A mix-up in communication resulted in Apia sharpshooter Rod Brown missing out on selection in the Socceroo squad against Torpedo last Friday.

The ASF's telex advising Brown of his selection was 'lost' in

the Apia office and when finally found it was too late for Brown to join the team in Melbourne. Another day at the office?

★★★

FRANK AROK is in the process of writing a book in which it is believed he will tell all and spare no-one. We can hardly wait for the publication date...

★★★

SOUTH MELBOURNE fans will be pleased to know that the comprehensive club history compiled by ASW staff member Petros Kosmopoulos is likely to go to print later this year and will be available in 1991.

★★★

THERE'S Buckley's chance that former Belgian national team coach Guy Thys is even remotely interested in the Australian job which is to be advertised world-wide.

A Sydney newspaper last week quoted Eddie Krncevic as saying that Thys, who retired as Belgian supremo six months ago, is "looking for a job."

He isn't, as we reported in ASW two weeks ago.

He's quite happy to see out his day as a consultant and advisor to the Belgian FA.

★★★

GOALKEEPER Tony Franken is still hopeful all is not lost for Sydney Croatia.

He believes the team

reasons for Apia's superb form this season has been the solid form of Bruce Halliday.

The English-born centre back's experience is proving invaluable as he guides his younger teammates in the midfield.

His partnership with Darren Stewart has also been outstanding.

★★★

RELEGATED Melbourne JUST have recruited a new coach and three players from Yugoslavia in an attempt to regain QNSL status next season.

Milan Zezelj is the new coach and with him come 21-year-old midfielders Davor Lasic and Nereo Fatoric, as well as 23-year-old striker Zoran Cazin.

★★★

NATIONAL Director of Coaching Eddie Thomson returned from Perth full of praise for the standard and set-up of WA soccer.

Thomson was an interested spectator at the Torpedo v WA game which the Soviets won 2-1.

He says WA is an untapped source in Australian soccer and that they should have a berth in the National League. He was also very impressed with left winger Stan Lazarides, a member of WA's under 16 squad.

★★★

SYDNEY CROATIA coach Tony Vrzina believes David Seal has every chance of topping the QNSL scoring chart now that Zlatko Nastevski is out for the rest of the season.

Seal, a Penrith High School student, gives full credit to his new coach for his scoring spree but recognises it was Ron Corry who gave him a chance in the first team.

★★★

BERTI Mariani certainly has that golden touch which characterises top coaches. His decision not to send Yugoslav striker Senad Glavovic home is proving a blessing. Despite unimpressive early form, Mariani kept his faith in his import, and now that Zlatko Nastevski is sidelined for the remaining of the season, Glavovic has stepped into his boots with match-winning goals.

★★★

PRESTON's Yugoslav import, Kire Temcev, is showing deft touches though he is still far from fit.

The club's management believes he will prove a great asset once he sheds a few kilos and gets adapted to local conditions.

★★★

GEORGE JOLEVSKI became Preston's first home-grown Socceroo when he played for Australia against Torpedo Moscow last Friday.

★★★

The 1974 Aussie World Cup coach told the SUNDAY AGE he would take over the team for free and refuse payment if the team did not qualify

for the 1994 finals in the USA.

"I could name my 40 players immediately and guarantee a berth in the American World Cup finals" he said.

★★★

HEIDELBERG's bid to regain QNSL status is being bolstered by an ever-increasing list of new signings. Paul Lewis (George Cross), Stuart Cannell (Melbourne Croatia), Willie Herd (Juventus) and John Yzendoorn (Juventus) are the pick of the crop expected to lift the Bergers in 1990.

★★★

TONY HENDERSON is the new assistant-coach of Blacktown City.

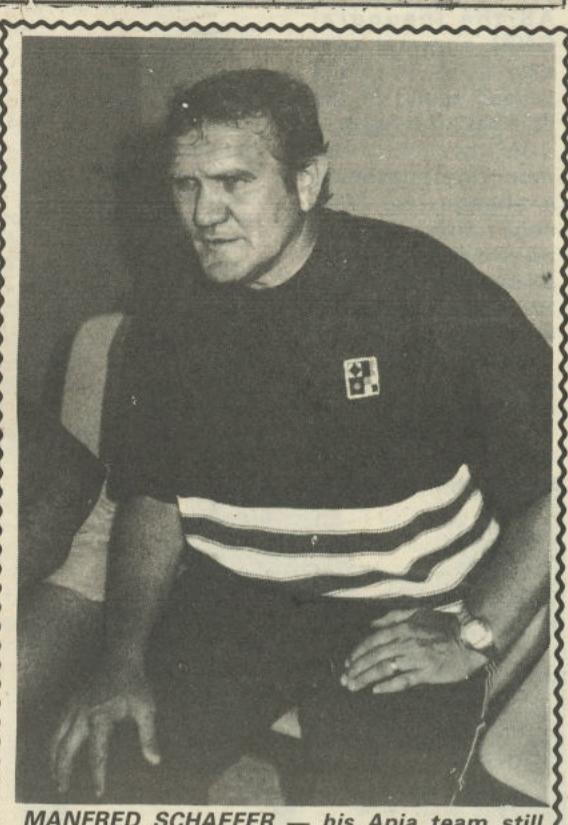
'Hendo', who retired from the NSL after leading Marconi to its 1988 title triumph, coached Avala in the NSW State League last season before being surprisingly dismissed.

★★★

FORMER Socceroo physio Peter van Ryn is very upset over the ASF's decision to advertise for a national coach.

Van Ryn, who has 'served' under both Rale Rasic and Frank Arok, rates both as top-class coaches who could coach anywhere in the world.

He believes only a local coach can succeed with the Socceroos — and he should know.



MANFRED SCHAEFER — his Apia team still leads the QNSL despite last weekend's washout in Sydney.

revelling in much to the delight of the George Cross faithful who have started dreaming of the Top Five — quite a turnaround for a team earmarked by many for relegation at the start of the summer season.

★★★

STUART CANNELL will play for Heidelberg when the Victorian Super League kicks off later this month.

He was transferred for a bargain \$3500.

★★★

THE AIS team, which competes in the National Youth League



MILAN BLAGOJEVIC — made his international debut for NSW against Torpedo Moscow last week — HECTOR CARRASCO photo.

DAVID Clarkson, virtually neglected by Adelaide City, has found a new lease of life with Sunshine George Cross. Clarkson's form as an attacking midfielder has been outstanding since he established himself in the first team in Round 4 of the season with two goals against St George.

★★★

KIWI international Declan Edge has had a dismal start with Adelaide City in the QNSL.

The star midfielder has been riddled with injury.

He came to Australia suffering from a rib injury.

That was aggravated against Preston and Edge has hardly played in the Black and White of City.

But he now is back and buzzing for a spot in the City line-up.

★★★

may yet make the Top Five despite a disastrous start to the season.

Maybe it's not a coincidence that Croatia's revival coincided with Frank's return between the sticks.

The 24-year-old ex-Socceroo had been sidelined for six months after a knee reconstruction.

★★★

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ONE OF the many



FRANCIS AWARITEFE: scored a magical goal in Melbourne Croatia's 2-1 win over Sydney Olympic last Saturday.

ERNIE TAPAI, according to coach Ernie Merrick, is filling a role similar to Peter Beardsley's for Liverpool in Sunshine George Cross.

Merrick has given Tapai a free role he is

bone on his foot — rotten luck for Preston and for the Australian national team.

★★★

FERENC Puskas has branded local administrators "amateurish" because of their refusal to suspend last weekend's QNSL fixtures.

He was upset because South Melbourne had to play 48 hours after several players turned out for Australia against Torpedo.

Melbourne Croatia were even more handicapped as their game against Olympic was a mere 42 hours after the international.

Puskas was fuming at training last Thursday when only a handful of players showed up.

Mike Petersen, Paul Trimboli, Kim Taliadoros, Mehmet Durakovic and Paul Wade were all with the national team.

★★★

PRESTON'S Zoran Tacevski is keen on Yugoslavia's chances in the World cup finals.

The 32-year-old former Vardar Skopje man is an economics graduate but due to language problems has to work as a press operator in Melbourne.

Now an Australian citizen, Tacevski played more than 300 games for Vardar and toured Australia with the club along with Zarko Odzakov and George Todorovski, who like him, were to join Preston.

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Draw for Euro-92

BY LOU GAUTIER

LAST week's draw in Stockholm for the 1992 European Championship threw up a sensational pairing of East and West Germany in Group 5.

This will be the first time the teams will have met in official competition since they clashed in the World Cup finals in Hamburg in 1974, when Australia was included in the same group.

And with only one country going through from each group, the match between the two Germanies, perhaps to be reunited in the future, could be decisive. Hungary are also in the group.

Holland, the holders, were lucky. They were drawn in a weak group and should waltz into the finals in Sweden.

Italy have a fight on their hands against the 1988 finalists, the Soviet Union, and England, believe it or not, have again inherited the Republic of Ireland, with Poland also in their group.

The other groups appear wide open, all of them fielding at least three teams with an equal chance of making it to the finals.



Italian stars Cabrini and Gentile celebrate their 1982 World Cup triumph. Italy will tough it out in Euro-92 after drawing the Soviet Union in their qualifying group.

Spain's path of Euro-92 may be halted by the 1984 winners, France, or by

Czechoslovakia, the 1976 European champions.

Romania, Bulgaria

and Scotland will fight out another group while Yugoslavia have not been favoured by the draw. They will have to overcome Denmark and Austria to qualify.

A novelty of the event is the first-ever appearance of tiny countries San Marino and the Faroe Islands.

The draw:

GROUP 1 — Spain,

Czechoslovakia,

France, Iceland,

Albania.

GROUP 2 — Romania, Scotland, Bulgaria, Switzerland, San Marino.

GROUP 3 — Italy, USSR, Hungary, Norway, Cyprus.

GROUP 4 — Yugoslavia, Denmark, Austria, Northern Ireland, Faroe Islands.

GROUP 5 — West Germany, East Germany, Belgium, Wales, Luxembourg.

GROUP 6 — Holland, Portugal, Greece, Finland, Malta.

GROUP 7 — England, Eire, Poland, Turkey.

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The "mystery" men of Aussie Soccer

BY MIKE JOHNSON

HAVE you seen the mystery men of Australian soccer?

I saw some of them during two Quit National League games over the Australia Day weekend.

They were playing for Apia, Melbourne Croatia, Sydney Olympic and Marconi.

Although these are four of the most notable clubs in Australia, some of their players are a complete mystery to the spectators, who watch them.

On the Friday night I sat among the Italian supporters of Apia during their game against Melbourne Croatia.

Being rather impressed by Apia's number 7, a slight, quickish, ginger-haired lad playing in the centre of a four-man midfield, I asked my neighbour if he knew who he was.

A shake of the head was the only reply.

I asked the man next to him who number 7 was.

"Sorry".

Then the man on the other side of me said "Don't know."

After asking six people I gave up.

A little time on, a new spectator moved in just in front of me, and still being impressed by the Apia number 7 I asked: "Who is Apia's number 7?"

Several heads turned toward my new neighbour, presumably by now they were as curious as I was.

"He's my brother," said the newcomer.

"But what's his name?"

"Ellem".

"What's his first name".

"Brian. Brian Ellem!"

The mystery was solved.

So this was Brian Ellem. This was the Brian Ellem that I had read about, the lad who was pressing for inclusion in the national team.

So how was it that so few people knew who he was, even the supporters of his own club?

It is not an isolated phenomenon.

At many summer-time National League games I have been astounded, even dismayed to find how few spectators know the players they are watching.

On the Sunday night as I mingled at St George Stadium with mainly Greek spectators, watching Sydney Olympic's clash with Marconi it was not surprising that no-one could tell me the identity of another number 7. This one was wearing the green shirt of Marconi, wide on the right of a four-man midfield.

After extended enquiry we established that his most likely

name was Paul Okon — he also was a very useful player.

At the Olympic-Marconi game there was no announcement of the names of the players taking part in the game.

So we have all these nameless, faceless mystery men running around our National League pitches when their talents deserve more notoriety.

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If Davidson epitomises the best in soccer knowhow, George Hannah, you feel, should wear a pirate's spotted handkerchief round his brow as he goes marauding up front at set-plays.

The hanky would also serve as a badge of courage for a man who so recently suffered a severe leg injury, but you would never think so as he fights like a buccaneer to right the Croatia ship still floundering in choppy waters.

One of the problems with St George Stadium is that on blowy nights, the wind flings itself straight up and down the pitch, causing teams to have to play two different styles of play, one with the wind and the other against the wind.

Marconi played very well in the first half against the wind, but poorly with the wind — as I had fancied they might.

Their cultured, shortish-passing game does not operate so well when the wind hurls the ball down field.

The athletic and physical Olympic in the first half should have played well with the wind, but lost their way.

Hagan, their most skilful player, was very disconcerted chasing after long wind-swept through balls.

In the second half he was brilliant in a helter-skelter game, as he brought calmness and composure to an Olympic whom one suspected had been told at half-time to "get stuck in!" by coach Mick Hickman.

Certainly Olympic put themselves about, and that plus the wind unsettled Marconi who also had another genuine mystery man in their ranks.

His name was Senad Glavovic, recently here from Yugoslavia.

He played up front and in the early minutes scored with a great header from an excellent David Lowe cross.

After that he did not do a thing.

However, he was usually taking up good positions in the goal-mouth during Marconi attacks and perhaps goalpoaching will be his strength — we will see.



Martin Colak (Geelong City, left) shows fierce determination to win the ball from Peter Haloulos (South Melbourne Hellas White) in the National Youth League South match on Sunday, 7th January, 1990.

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GEELONG ADVERTISER CUP

BY ROY HAY

BELL Park and the host club, Geelong qualified for the semi-finals of the 10th Geelong Advertiser Cup while North Geelong and Corio-Geelong United are almost certain to join them.

Liam McCloskey of Geelong banged in his second hat-trick in successive matches, to equal the record for the number of goals scored in a single Advertiser Cup series held by John Hrkac of North Geelong.

McCloskey opened for Geelong against Hamlyn Rangers midway through the first half as he took a through ball and went to beat Alex Patrick.

Craig Brown of Rangers seized on a short pass back to equalise. McCloskey scored the best goal of the night with a fierce volley at the far post from a Donny Smythe cross.

He completed the hat-trick with a brave



Spiros Kollevris (South Melbourne Hellas White) makes a textbook clearance in the match against Altona Gate on Saturday, 13th January — Photo by Roy Hay.

diving effort, but Jimmy Fraser of Rangers pulled one back following a well placed free kick by Tim Robbins.

Corio-Geelong United beat East Geelong by a Robbie Noggler penalty 1-0 in Group A.

The penalty came after only two minutes of play and gave rise to heated arguments as Jimmy Dimovski of East claimed he had done everything he could to avoid handling the ball as he was

brought down in his own penalty area.

On Friday, North Geelong struggled to subdue a gutsy Brintons team which was unlucky to go behind when Steve Allsop was adjudged to have brought down Patrick Alilovic of North inside the penalty area. Alilovic converted the penalty kick.

Robert Cosic overlapped from full-back and beat the off-side trap to add a second goal for North, before Ian Henderson replied from the penalty spot when Ismail Ali brought down Tony Reed.

The Brintons' goal came too late for a revival. Bell Park also suffered as the Western Victoria Soccer Association put memories of its heavy defeat by Geelong behind it and fought the Division Two team every inch of the way.

The decisive goal came late in the second half after Cedo Rakic headed a free kick into Mark Linney's path and the big striker hit a volley which cleared keeper Peter Duque's fingertips and just dropped under the bar.

Attila Harangozo and Mark Orménó had chances to equalise in the last few minutes, but Duncan Thomson's squad can be proud of its performance in this match.

WASH-OUT

Due to last weekend's inclement weather in Sydney, no National Youth League North matches were played.

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Melbourne Croatia has jump over the field

BY ROY HAY

MELBOURNE

Croatia had an easy 5-0 win over South Melbourne Hellas Blue, who were very tired after seven games in 12 days.

After Richard Miljanovic and Dino Mihocic put Croatia two up, the Hellas Blue lads struggled and further goals came from Joe Bacak, Joe Caleta and Mark Silic. Hellas Blue's best effort was a shot which hit the bar followed by a header from S. Tsifteidis.

Altona Gate and Melbourne City JUST shared the points in a 1-1 draw at Paisley Reserve.

Saso Becvinovski for JUST scored from a free kick to give his team the lead, but Sasha Simovski equalised for Altona Gate before the interval.

The big Altona Gate striker had a clear chance to settle the game with a few minutes to play, but somehow managed to put the ball over the bar. Steve Trajkovski described the match as 'senior soccer' with both sides trying to play the game as it should be played.

Geelong City completed a double over Preston Makedonia by winning 4-2.

City's breakthrough came after 26 minutes, when a Peter McCaffrey free kick was headed on by George Dimovski and Cedo Rakic's header went in off the post.

City added a second in 40 minutes when a superb build-up from the back allowed Pierre Grzybek to fire over a cross and Robbie Noggler looped a header over keeper Robert Petrovski.

City expected it to be hard going in the second half, but after Adam Oates had to dive to save a short pass back and then block a shot by Zdravko Trajkovski with his feet, City extended its lead.

Another Peter McCaffrey free kick was pushed wide by the keeper but Jason McAuliffe returned it into the goal area and Cedo Rakic fired it over the line.

Preston made three substitutions in a search for a revival and seven minutes later, after a series of corner-kicks, Lori Ristevski forced the ball through the City defence and into the net.

Trajkovski twice got clear down the left and on the second occasion managed to squeeze his shot past Adam Oates. City was battling to hold on, but when Peter McCaffrey placed a free kick into the top corner from just outside the area in the 89th minute City was home.

North Geelong also completed an NYL double with a single goal

victory away to East Richmond.

Zoran Roso had an excellent chance to open for North but skied the ball over the bar from a few metres out. North lost Mirko Brandich with medial ligament damage during the game.

The winning goal came with 12 minutes to play when North attacked down the left after David Krasic set up Robert Cosic.

Nick Kalamaras of East Richmond blocked the first shot, but Cosic transferred the ball into the centre where Ivan Dragicevic, captain for the day, forced the ball past a stranded defender on the line.

Caulfield City had a fine 3-2 away win at Clifton Hill. Caulfield led at the break despite facing a strong wind, and scored twice.

In the second half, Jim Nastos equalised for Clifton Hill, but Caulfield got the winner with five minutes to play from an Alex Rae penalty. Clifton Hill almost got back on terms hitting the post in the last attack.

Results

Melbourne Croatia 5 (Miljanovic, Mihocic, Bacak, Caleta, Silic)

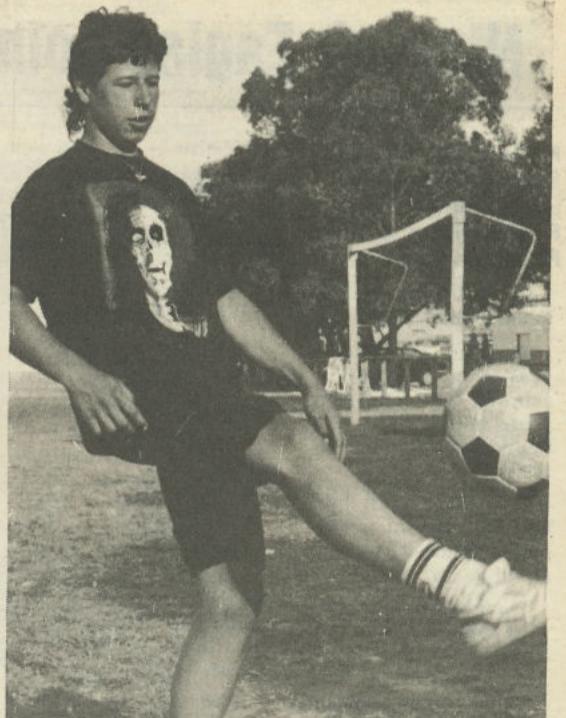
South Melbourne Hellas Blue 0, Geelong City 4 (Rakic 2, Noggler, McCaffrey) Preston 2 (Ristevski, Trajkovski), East Richmond 0 North Geelong 1 (Dragicevic), Clifton Hill 2 (Nastos 2) Caulfield City 3 (Chizas, Rae), Altona Gate 1 (Simovski) Melbourne City JUST 1 (Becvinovski), Heidelberg United bye, South Melbourne Hellas White 0 Sunshine George Cross 2 (Muscat, Cattermole).

Ladder

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pls
Melb Croatia	12	11	1	0	40	12	23
Altona Gate	12	9	1	2	35	10	19
Sunshine GC	13	8	3	2	34	20	19
SMHW	14	8	2	4	25	14	18
Melb City JUST	14	6	4	4	36	26	16
Preston Maked.	12	6	1	5	24	18	13
Geelong City	13	6	1	6	24	29	13
North Geelong	12	5	0	7	24	25	10
East Richmond	13	4	1	8	21	31	9
Heidelberg Ult.	13	3	3	7	14	27	9
Caulfield City	12	1	4	7	14	24	6
Clifton Hill	10	2	0	8	9	33	4
SMHW	12	1	1	10	8	39	3

Top Scorers

Saso Becvinovski Melbourne City JUST 20, Joe Bacak Melbourne Croatia 14, Adrian Cervinski North Geelong 9, Trajce Latomanski Altona Gate 7, Con Boutsianis South Melbourne Hellas White 7, Kevin Muscat Sunshine George Cross 7, Charles Fitzpatrick Geelong City 6, Joe Markovac Preston 6.



Adrian Cervinski (North Geelong) shows the skills at training which enabled him to score three hat-tricks in successive weeks in the National Youth League South — Photo by Roy Hay.

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Frank Arok is absolutely right when he implores the Australian Soccer Federation to accept Wales' request to play two games against the Socceroos in May.

If the Welsh bring their top players — Ian Rush, Mark Hughes, Kevin Ratcliffe and Neville Southall — the tour is bound to be a big financial success as their exploits with Liverpool, Manchester United and Everton are well known to Aussies fans.

But even if some of these megastars can't make the trip, the ASF should grab at the opportunity of international competition for the match-starved Socceroos.

The ASF must not put the national team back in moth balls.

Arok, who will be in

charge of the Socceroos until his contract expires on July 31, is determined to give the national coaching job his all even if his future is in doubt.

He is a professional to his fingertips and will do all in his power for his charges until he is officially asked to stand down.

The players Arok "unveiled" in the 3-0 win against Torpedo last Friday have to be the nucleus of Australia's 1994 World Cup squad no matter who the coach is.

It would be nice to think that the ASF would stick with Arok for another World Cup cycle.

He has certainly done nothing to date to suggest he is not the most qualified man for

the job.

As for the current Socceroos, they have lined up behind Arok.

Skipper Charlie Yankos claims that if Arok goes, the game will find it very difficult to maintain the momentum he has generated over the past seven years or so.

"He made the world sit up and take notice of Australian soccer," Yankos said.

"I rate him a genius and on behalf of the Socceroos I say thank you to him for what he has done.

"If an overseas coach is appointed it will take him time to get the feel of local conditions and time is already running out for Australia to mount its 1994 World Cup challenge."

NSW Soccer Federation general secretary Ian Holmes told ASW: "The probability is that we will start early in April with the 15x2 home-and-away rounds.

"With only something over 20 weekends available, this would mean the inclusion of a schedule of midweek fixtures.

"Prior to that, we will be running the NSW Challenge Cup, which is open to all accepted NSW Federation clubs as well as the four NSL clubs.

"Some lower league clubs are delighted to have the chance to outplay and outdraw many of the bigger names of the code.

"The NSW Federation has a commitment to end its competition by the end of September.

The NSL is believed to be aiming to kick off its 1990/91 season at the beginning of October, although some of its clubs are still hankering after a November start.

There will be an

overlap of NSL and NSW State League games next April, as the NSL grand final series will also be conducted at that time.

The four competing NSL clubs will be permitted to field up to four over-age players in their under 23 squads, which should ensure that they field some very slick sides indeed.

The teams are: Avila, BHP Austral, Canberra Croatia, Canterbury Marrickville, Inter Monaro, Marconi, North Shore, Polonia, Rockdale Ilinden, St George, Sutherland, Sydney Croatia, Sydney Macedonia, Sydney Olympic, Warringah Freshwater and Wollongong Macedonia.

Arnold's header to meet Petersen's cross seven minutes from the break made it 2-0 but the pick of the three was yet to come.

Arnold was the scorer again but the lead-up work to the Aussies' 46th minute goal was a treat to watch.

Trimboli started the move with a finely weighted throughball

down the left to Adzic,

who in turn clipped his cross into the path of

the hungry Arnold and 'Arnie' pounced with a

diving header to make it

3-0.

AUSTRALIA: Zabica 6

(Traianedes 69), van Egmond

arena.

Properly conducted and promoted, this NSW State League has the advantage of reasonable costing for member clubs and the avoidance of huge interstate haul airfares.

In addition, the league has six NSW clubs with crowd-drawing potential to match their NSL rivals.

Socceroos win in Melbourne

(from page 6)

6. Jolevski 7, Yankos 7, Tobin, Adzic 7, Petersen 7 (Wade 76), Vidmar 7 (Markovski 69), Trimboli 5 (Taliadoros 67), Arnold 8.

MOSCOW TORPEDO: Sarichev, Polukarov, Kalaichev, Zhukov (Agashov 39), Rogovskoi (Kovach 53), Grechnev, J. Savichev (Rudakov 59), Gitselyov, A. Savichev, Shirinbekov, Grishin (Ataullin 74).

SCORERS: Tobin 19m, Arnold 38m and 46m for Australia.

YELLOW CARDS: Tobin, 61m for Australia; Shirinbekov 37m for Torpedo.

REFEREE: D. Voutsinis 7.

CROWD: 3075.

FREE KICKS: Australia 12, Torpedo 13.

CORNERS: Australia 4; Torpedo 2.

ATTEMPTS ON TARGET: Australia 5; Torpedo 3.

ATTEMPTS OFF TARGET: Australia 5; Torpedo 6.

NSW State League to have new-look format

BY KEITH GILMOUR



Canberra Croatia's under 19 team — next season they will meet top opposition in the revamped NSW State League.

longong City declined to enter.

The general feeling amongst them is that they are already set up to meet maximum possible commitments.

Blacktown in particular have to digest an \$800,000 expenditure on upgrading their wholly owned

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LORENC

(FROM PAGE 1)

Richard began refereeing at the age of 15 to gain pocket money at the local park in the Sydney suburb of Meadowbank.

In those days, he was paid the princely sum of 60c per game he controlled.

But even at 15 years of age, he had long-term dreams that maybe one day he would enter the international arena to control a World Cup match.

Now, 21 years down the track, those dreams have crystallised.

Lorenc until Christmas was a school-teacher but now runs his own courier business.

He will not be nervous about the large crowds awaiting him.

Three years ago he refereed Yugoslavia vs East Germany in Chile in the World Youth Championships before a crowd of 40,000 in Santiago.

And who are some of Richard's world-class idols in the refereeing sphere?

"England's Jack Taylor, Wales' Clive Thomas and Abraham Klein from Israel.

"Those three were outstanding referees," he said.

Due to the horrendous weather conditions experienced in Sydney last weekend, all Multicultural Championship matches were postponed. All matches will be played this weekend.

SBS-TV Multicultural Cup

POINTS TABLE

GROUP A:

Macedonia (A)	1 1 0 0	3-0 2
Argentina	1 1 0 0	4-2 2
Portugal	1 0 0 1	2-4 0
Australia	1 0 0 1	0-3 0

GROUP B:

Turkey	1 1 0 0	1-0 2
Macedonia (B)	1 1 0 0	1-0 2
Italy	1 0 0 1	0-1 0
Uruguay	1 0 0 1	0-1 0

RESULTS

GROUP A: Macedonia (A) 3 (Spirovski, Baillie, Card) def Australia 0, Argentina 4 (Borges 2, Torres 2) def Portugal 2 (Matosin, Duarte).

GROUP B: Turkey 1 (Ulloa) def Uruguay 0, Macedonia (B) 1 (Velevski) def Italy 0.

TOP SCORERS

N. Borges, C. Torres (Argentina) 2, S. Spirovski, C. Card, S. Baillie (Macedonia A), J. Matosin, D. Duarte (Portugal), L. Ulloa (Turkey), T. Velevski (Macedonia B) 1.

QUIT PLAYER OF THE SERIES ROUND 1-POINTS

POINTS AWARDED BY THE PRESS

3 POINTS: N. Borges (Argentina), Bill Pilovski (Macedonia A), B. Kuzmanovski (Macedonia B), John Greenglass (Turkey).

2 POINTS: R. Piparola (Argentina), S. Spirovski (Macedonia A), Mark Koussas (Italy), M. Endrujovich (Uruguay).

1 POINT: D. Duarte (Portugal), Derek Noffke (Australia), T. Velevski (Macedonia B), L. Pereira (Uruguay).

POINTS AWARDED BY THE REFEREES

3 POINTS: C. Card (Macedonia A), S. Paull (Turkey), G. Johnson (Argentina), Z. Paskovski (Macedonia B).

2 POINTS: Bill Pilovski (Macedonia A), B. Sertbas (Turkey), Jere Matosin (Portugal), Mark Koussas (Italy).

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NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

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PROMOTING A STATE OF HEALTH

MODBURY has appointed Mick Dye as reserve team coach with Alan Leadbetter taking charge of the under 18s.

The club has gained a clearance from the UK for defender Martin Cockerill.

AMBITION Foundation State League club Azzurri this season plans to give youth a chance.

"We will completely revamp our reserve squad set-up this year to concentrate on youth," said team manager Karl Drosd.

"We want to play at least eight teenagers with four or five first team squad players lending experience to them.

"Coaching at that level is the only problem."

Defender Steve Baker, who has stood down this season because of work and family commitments, could be a likely coaching candidate at this level if he returns to the club.

Such youngsters as Joe Cuotilo, Graham Scott and Peno Gianotto are improving through the Blues' junior programme.

Azzurri, under coach Jan Kiernan, has developed its squad this close season with the signing of Ian Cole, Peter Millar, Duane Gray and Fortu Costanzo.

SA YOUNGSTERS Sharon Black and Mara Kreismanis are enjoying their soccer chance of a lifetime.

The pair are with the Australian under 20 side on tour to America and the UK. The Aussie girls will play matches in northern California and then Texas before flying over the Atlantic to England.

Commonwealth Games athlete Peter Brett, from SA, ran in Europe last year and said women's soccer in Sweden was a real eye-opener.

"Girls of 11 and 12 were every bit as good as the boys," he said.

"The women's national league was really big. It was really popular on TV."

ENFIELD City has been given a boost by resigning exciting teenage prospect John Francesco.

He toured with the Australian High Schools squad in the UK.

HARRY Bell is looking forward to the challenge of playing in the Second

Division with Para Hills.

"It looks likely to be a very competitive league," said Bell who is returning to his second spell at the Paddocks.

"I know clubs like Seaford, Blackwood and Campbelltown are ambitious and we want to do really well, too. If we can attract one or two more players we should be very competitive and this promises to be a good league."

"We have the ideal base with Martyn Crook in goal."

"I think I played about 90 games for Para Hills before, so I might be in line for Life Membership soon," joked the effervescent Scot who is sure to be a boon to coach Jack Braidwood.

PROMOTED Cumberland has fixed up four impressive new players for the challenge of their First Division return.

Heading the list is former Rothmans Medal winner, Bernie Bridges.

The uncompromising defender is sure to bolster the Foxes' backline.

Former Second Division best and fairest player award winner Gordon Costello also is a new Fox, from Seaford.

The recruiting is completed with the arrival of Mark Chumbley from Elizabeth and burly striker Peter Waine of Para Hills.

CROATIA's midfield maestro Mladen Putanec is leading the way in the Ampol Cup Player of the Series Award.

He has polled man of the match votes in the two opening wins of the Cup holder, now coached by former referee Donald Campbell.

SWEDISH import Ken Olsson has signed to boost Blackwood's promotion push.

The Hillsiders also hope to fix up experienced midfielder Charlie Lamont and striker Chris Leyland from Campbelltown.

FORMER Juventus player and Azzurri coach Joe Serafini will lead top Saturday amateur side CBC this season.

CBC is in its ninth season and has won seven premierships.

Meanwhile, Tom Lamont has been re-appointed coach of Adelaide Celtic.

WA

Dave Jones returns

BY RICHARD KREIDER

FORMER NSL player and Socceroo, Dave Jones, has re-emerged from self-proclaimed exile to sign with Floreat Athena for the 1990 season.

The tall 34 year old sweeper made his surprise announcement last week after having lengthy discussions with Athena coach Alan Vest.

Jones, a veteran of 184 senior games with West Adelaide, Adelaide City, South Melbourne and Preston, quit the

game at the end of the 1986 season when he was at Perth Azzurri with ex-Socceroo teammate Gary Marrochi. Jones had five National appearances between 1977-80.

However, the break has since restored his enthusiasm and he is now training extensively.

"Dave is looking good" said Vest "I expect him to be a valuable member of our squad."

"He has a slight tweak with a hamstring at the moment, but that shouldn't prevent him from playing soon."

WA Pepsi Cup

BY RICHARD KREIDER

PERTH Italia's defence of the Pepsi night series began in positive fashion with a 3-0 triumph over Sorrento at the Lake Monger Velodrome.

But hot on their heels are rivals Floreat Athena who scored an emphatic 4-0 win over Stirling Macedonia.

lobbing the ball over him from 20 metres.

Italia completed the scoring in the 67th minute when Kelly found Colli's 25-metre drive too strong to hold.

The first goal of the tournament went to Athena's John Hunter who thumped one from the 18m line past Macedonia's new signing Wil-



WILLY McNALLY

Italia's disciplined teamwork played a major role in their success, as well as the adventurous attitude shown by new signing Allan Pottier, Roy Hogan, Lou Collova and Oriano Colli in midfield.

Colli supplied the 22nd minute right byeline cross that Garry Murray headed home to put Italia ahead.

They increased their lead five minutes after the break through winger Gerry Christie who caught keeper Paul Kelly on his line and obliged by accurately

ly McNally in the 25th minute.

McNally had a torrid time for his new club, yet he was helpless with Athena's second goal after 39 minutes when Taki Nicolaidis volleyed home gloriously from 25 metres.

Jeff Curran easily converted a penalty in the 58th minute after player of the evening Paul Farmer was dumped by Roy Jones.

Farmer was rewarded for his tireless performance in the match by scoring Athena's fourth 11 minutes later by delicately guiding the ball past McNally from 10 metres.



Adelaide-born John Kosmina (left) was back in action recently at Hindmarsh Stadium. He played for radio station 5AA in the big game against local rival station 5DN.

**BOOST FOR
SA CROATIA**

AMPOL Cup champion Adelaide Croatia has been given a lift by Paul Blute re-signing.

The big Irishman has put pen to paper on a new, two-year deal.

Croatia has signed Hellas striker Theo Anastasiou and Adelaide City midfielder Juan Rodriguez.

Former Rothmans Medal winner, Bernie Bridges has been training well with Croatia but negotiations for his transfer from Lion have broken down.

"I put an offer in front of Croatia but they still could not reach a decision so I told them it was just a waste of my time and Donald's (coach Campbell) keeping on going with them," said Bridges, 30.

"But I really feel the benefit of the training and would like to keep playing."

Lion reportedly has said Bridges can leave and the big, aggressive central defender should be in demand.

Meanwhile, first team squad players at Croatia will become colts coaches this season. As a novel part of their three times a week training routine, senior players will spend one session with club juniors.

Coach Donald Campbell said: "The young players are an important part of the club and its future. Too often they are neglected by the senior coach and players."

"In our scheme, after a warm-up session once a week, the senior players will coach one kids' team each week. We shall keep that going throughout the season."

Top Tassie

BY WALTER PLESS

MR GORDON Jablonski, 37, has been appointed as the full-time general manager of the Tasmanian Soccer Federation (TSF) and Tasmanian Soccer Association (TSA).

The number one priority must be to raise the game's profile.

"A lot of people, especially the younger people in Tasmania, talk about the Tassie Devils and their favourite TFL star, and I'd like to see them talking about a few of the soccer people around town, and some of the heroes of soccer in Tasmania as well."

Mr Jablonski was an active referee in Tasmania last season but will put away his whistle following his appointment to the new administrative position.

"I don't feel I could adequately fill both pairs of shoes," he said. "I would possibly be leaving myself wide open to all kinds of claims of bias and I think it's better that I retire from being a referee, at least for a while."

He has been a soccer referee for eight years and was the secretary of the Sydney Amateur League Referees' Association.

Mr Jablonski has also been involved in soccer as a player and coach. He coached a New South Wales Country under 16 team for two years.

"The position will be a challenge for me because soccer in Tasmania seems to be in a little bit of an ebb at the moment, and that's a shame," Mr Jablonski said.

"I think with the right sort of promotion

and with the right sort of effort from all concerned we can lift the profile of soccer in Tasmania.

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Mr Jablonski is a firm believer in the potential of soccer in Tasmania.

"This is a very English part of Australia, but with the number of ethnic groups that we have — we have strong Italian and Greek communities, in particular — and which are soccer-oriented, there's no reason why soccer shouldn't be a very popular sport in Tasmania," he said.

Charles Perkins remains president

CHARLES Perkins OA been elected for a further term as president of the Australian Futsal Federation, Australia's governing body for indoor soccer throughout Australia.



Charles Perkins

Mr Perkins was elected at the Federation annual general meeting held in Canberra last weekend before the Federation's national club titles which brought approximately 2,500 competitors and officials and \$0.8 million revenue into the ACT.

The new Board of Directors for 1990 is: Vice President: Mr Eane Whitten (Vic). Directors: Mr Albert Unpleby (NSW), Mr Burnie Duval (NSW), Mr Bob Corbett (Qld), Mr Gary Rice (ACT), Mr Terry Pearce (Illawarra), Mr Pat Byrne (National Indoor Soccer League), Mr Trevor Vizovitis (ACT).

A number of major decisions were taken at the meeting to ensure the rapid growth of the sport being experienced at present is maintained.

The National Indoor Soccer League, which experienced a boom year in 1989 and drew 3,500 spectators to its grand final at the NSW State Sports Centre at Homebush, is to be restructured under the guidance of its new chairman, Mr Pat Byrne, a prominent Sydney business executive.

Mr Byrne was appointed for a period of three years to operate the league in its own right and said that the

League for 1990 is shaping up to be the biggest ever.

"Work is well under way for each franchise to become more professional with major corporate sponsors being attracted to the sport," Bryne said.

"Negotiations are also well advanced for a substantial increase in media coverage for the 1990 league."

Futsal president Charles Perkins announced that the Federation's extensive

RESULTS OF 1990 FUTSAL—INDOOR SOCCER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS FINAL

U10 BOYS	Lakemba Strikers (NSW)	1 Sylvania Strikers 0 (NSW)
U11 BOYS	Final Ipswich Spartans (Qld)	2 Cobras 1 (NSW)
U12 BOYS	Logan City Cavaliers (Qld)	2 Fairfield 1 (NSW)
U13 BOYS	Top Ryde (NSW)	4 Illawarra 0 (NSW)
U14 BOYS	White Eagles (NSW)	3 Sydney Strikers 0 (NSW)
U15 BOYS	Fairfield Gunners (NSW)	1 Fairfield City 0 (NSW)
U16 BOYS	West Syd Swans (NSW)	6 Europe 4 (ACT)
U17 BOYS	Inter Monaro (ACT)	3 Ampol United 0 (NSW)
YOUTH BOYS	Food Plus Falcons (NSW)	3 Strike Force 2 (NSW)
ALL AGE MEN	Davidson Black (NSW)	3 Sydney Strikers 2 (NSW)
OVER 35s AD	Pak Adders (NSW)	6 Bankstown Tornadoes 2 (NSW)
13 GIRLS	Russell Lea (NSW)	3 Moe City Foxes 0 (Vic)
17 GIRLS	Bass Hill Bombers (NSW)	6 Data Flex 0 (ACT)
LADIES	Bankstown Tornadoes (NSW)	7 West Syd Swans 3 (NSW)

national touring programme which has been so successful over the past 10 years, with junior teams from 12 years to open age teams inclusive for both men and women touring all over the world in search of betterment of their skills, will continue in 1990 with the following programme:

- Under 12, 13 and 14 years boys will tour Brazil; under 15 and 16 years boys will tour Mexico; 17 years boys and 20 years youth will tour Costa Rica.
- The open men who won the prestigious Pacific Cup in Mexico in December are scheduled to compete in the first FIFA-sponsored event in Spain in November under coach Nick Nicolopoulos who has been appointed national coach for a three-year term.
- The under 15, 18 years girls and 20 years and open women's teams will also tour overseas to a destination yet to be decided.

Mr Perkins also announced that the Federation would continue its involvement in the Women's National Indoor Soccer League, the National Aboriginal Championships, as well as increasing the profile of the National Schoolboys and Schoolgirls' Championships which for the first time in 1990 would be extended to primary schools.

Mr Perkins said that 1990 is the year that the sport would realise its potential and enter the mainstream of Australian sport in preparation for the 1996 Olympics which may see futsal as a full competitive sport.

"Futsal indoor soccer is bigger than ever and we intend to make it bigger and more successful for the benefit of both men and women to compete equally in two of the world's greatest sports — indoor and outdoor soccer," added Perkins.

STAR WOMEN PLAYER PROFILES

ANISSA TANN

Name: Anissa Tann
Club: Girraween
Birthdate: 10.10.67
Preferred Position: Defender
Occupation: Supervisor
Most Admired Player: Hugo Sanchez
Favourite Music: Jack Master Funk
Favourite Food: Lollies
Other interests: Volleyball
Qualifications: Level 1 Soccer
National Championships: 4
International: 12
Appearances:



DEBBIE NICHOLS

Name: Debbie Nichols
Club: Dandenong
Birthdate: 1.10.64
Occupation: Administrative Officer
Most Admired Player: Glen Hoddle
Favourite Music: Anything except heavy metal
Favourite Food: Roasts
Other interests: Cricket
National Championships: 7
International: 12
Appearances:

Big year for Monaro

BY GRAHAM COOKE

THE Monaro Junior Soccer Club of Queanbeyan, NSW, is continuing on its way to what appears will be a successful 1990 season.

The annual general meeting of the junior club was held on Wednesday, December 6 at the Marco Polo Club in Queanbeyan.

Office bearers elected at the meeting were: President — H. Panjer, Secretary — H. Turner, Treasurer — A. Graham, Registrar — A. Kovacic, Canteen Co-Ordinator — M. Michaelas and Publicity/Sponsorship — W. Graham.



Guests at the meeting included Harry Williams, coach of Inter Monaro senior club.

Mr Williams was on hand to discuss proposed closer ties between the Inter Monaro seniors, the Marco Polo Club and the Monaro Junior Club.

Although still well before the beginning of the season, Monaro Juniors proudly announced a number of sponsors for the Monaro junior teams for 1990.

These include sponsorship of all Monaro junior goalkeepers by Specialty Sewing of Queanbeyan, sponsorship of the under 15 team by Colin Enright Photography of Oxley ACT, sponsorship of a weekly Best and Fairest award by McDonald's Family Restaurant of Queanbeyan and supply of "QUIT" badges by the Victorian Health Pro-

motion Foundation.

It was also announced that further negotiations are under way and it is hoped all Monaro junior teams will be sponsored during 1990.

The incoming committee thanked the 1989 season committee for their efforts during the year, particularly as the club has been left in a good financial position.

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Bobby dazzles kids at St Marys clinic

BY BRAD EARL



Bobby Charlton demonstrates his still considerable skills to a group of youngsters at St Marys — PHOTO COURTESY PENRITH PRESS.

BOBBY Charlton has always epitomised all that is good about sport.

Even though the kids who attended a soccer coaching clinic at St Marys two weeks ago never saw Charlton play, they spoke his name with a reverence reserved only for the very best.

As one of the greatest soccer players the world has known, Charlton's appeal knows no bounds.

At the peak of his career, he won the World Cup with England in 1966 and the European Cup with Manchester United in 1968.

His goalscoring record included 49 goals in 106 internationals for his country between 1958 — the year he survived the Munich air disaster in which several of his Manchester United team-mates were killed — and 1970.

His trademark shooting was still evident at Cook Park when, at the age of 52, he sent onlookers into raptures — and a young goalkeeper sprawling — with the power of his shots.

The coaching clinic, attended by more than 50 boys and girls, was the first to be held in Australia under the banner of the Bobby Charlton Sports Schools.

Since its formation

in England 10 years ago, the organisation has extended to 35 activities and Charlton has made a point of being actively involved all over the world.

"If it's called the Bobby Charlton Soccer School, then people want to see Bobby Charlton there," he said. "I don't put my name to something I don't visit. That's why kids come back all the time."

Charlton conducts his own series of skills tests and he is keen to arrange for the winner from both Sydney and Melbourne schools to go to Manchester to take part in the finals if sponsorship is available.

"It's an incentive to get the kids to practice and to want to win," he said. "We've got to try to breed them with confidence, not fear."

And the standard of the youngsters at Cook Park last week impressed him: "They're very competitive Aussies. They're easy to coach and they do listen."

In fact, as a director of Manchester United, he is following the progress of young Australian goalkeeper Mark Bosnich, who was in the Socceroo squad for matches against Torpedo Moscow.

"We want him back fairly quickly, as we think we could win the

national youth cup this year," he said. "If things go right, he's got a future. He's a good goalkeeper and I'm quite hopeful about him."

With his sports schools founded on a philosophy of "enjoyment and discipline", Charlton stresses the

need for good behaviour and sportsmanship while at the same time ensuring the kids have a good time on their holiday.

"It's not just sport, it's a social exercise," he said. "I hope they don't leave just as better footballers, but as better people."

Bobby Charlton Training Video

BOBBY Charlton's Soccer Training Videos are now on sale by the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

The Charlton videos are quite topical in view of the visit to Australia by the maestro himself.

In conjunction with Charlton, his Director of coaching, Ray Whelan, chimes in to discuss the activities in various field positions.

The Federation has dozens of titles on football available for sale at reduced prices.

Topics include Referees' Chart Coaching, fitness, nutrition, mental training, injury prevention and special training for goalkeepers.

Enquiries to NSW Amateur Soccer Federation, Tel: 629 2833, or NSW Amateur

FANZINE

"The Best of Football Alternative Paper", covering comments from the English perspective, is currently available from the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation's sales department.

Edited by ASW's occasional British football contributor, Mike Ticher, it goes behind the scenes to cover the pluses and minuses of the English game.

Published by Simon and Schuster, the 1987 edition sells at the reduced price of \$14, which includes postage.

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APIA U10A, Canterbury Association Division 1 Champions of 1989. Back row, left to right: J. Borrows (coach), S. Totaro, D. Spresian, V. Miranda, A. Middler, F. Bideau, J. Minhean, A. Large, B. Spresian (assist. coach). Front row, left to right: F. Ricci, R. Ricci, D. Carabetta, C. Lee, M. Ward.

Berries tour Greece

CANTERBURY Marrickville's under 17 team has just completed a successful tour of Greece.

The lads competed in 10 games.

Their record reads: won 4, drew 4, lost 3.

The Aussies received no favours from local referees as can be seen by the amazing statistic of 10 penalties whistled against the youthful Berries.

The tourists were all members of last year's Canterbury Marrickville under 15 side.

It was a thrill for them to appear in some of Greece's most famous stadiums, including Olympiakos' ground.

The Australians drew 0-0 with First Division Apollon's second grade team and drew 2-2 with Panionios.

The kids returned home with splendid memories of their history-making tour as well as a host of souvenirs and gifts from their hosts.

Canterbury-Marrickville have paved the way for other Australian youth sides.

There's no reason why end-of-season tours to Europe, Asia and Latin America by Australian juniors should not become a regular, annual occurrence.

Umbro Youth League starts

THE 1990 Umbro Youth League will kick off on Saturday, March 4, with 28 teams participating for honours in two divisions.

For the first time in youth league, the NSWASF has acknowledged the interest from Southern Branch and has accepted them into Division 2 along with Southern and Eastern Association, and also readmitted Granville Association.

Weather permitting, the final round of preliminary matches will be on July 28, with quarter-finals, semi-finals, finals and grand finals ending the season.

There will be a compulsory meeting for all participating clubs at Federation headquarters on Tuesday, February 20 for Division 1 teams, and Wednesday, February 21 for Division 2.

All teams will be presented with the full season's draw, and times will be notified.

Here are the involved teams:

DIVISION 1: St George Assoc, Sydney Olympic, Apia Leichhardt, Sydney Croatia, Melita Eagles, Blacktown City, Marconi, Bankstown Assoc, Sutherland Shire Assoc, Nepean Assoc, Illawarra Assoc, Macarthur Assoc, Canterbury Marrickville Olympic, Southern Districts Assoc.

DIVISION 2: Ku-ring-Gai Assoc, Canterbury Assoc, Warringah Freshwater, Gladesville Hornsby

DID YOU KNOW?

THAT — The first inter-district soccer match in Australia was between Sydney and the South Coast (of NSW) at the Sydney Cricket Ground?

The date was July 28, 1894. Sydney won 4-0.

THAT — South Australia's "Mr Soccer", Bob Telfer, won international honours as a player, referee and team manager — a record unsurpassed by any state?

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THAT — M. Dumbar, of Cumberland United, scored 40 goals in the South Australian competition in 1943?

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YUGOSLAVIA v FRANCE	1-0
BRAZIL v MEXICO	5-0
FRANCE v MEXICO	3-2
BRAZIL v YUGOSLAVIA	1-1

POINTS TABLE

BRAZIL	2 1 1 0 6-1 3
YUGOSLAVIA	2 1 1 0 2-1 3
FRANCE	2 1 0 1 3-3 2
MEXICO	2 0 0 2 2-8 0

POOL 2

HUNGARY v KOREA	9-0
WEST GERMANY v TURKEY	4-1
HUNGARY v WEST GERMANY	8-3
TURKEY v KOREA	7-0
WEST GERMANY v TURKEY	7-2 (Play-off)

POINTS TABLE

HUNGARY	2 2 0 0 17-3 4
WEST GERMANY	2 1 0 1 7-9 2
TURKEY	2 1 0 1 8-4 2
KOREA	2 0 0 2 0-16 0

POOL 3

AUSTRIA v SCOTLAND	1-0
URUGUAY v CZECHOSLOVAKIA	2-0
AUSTRIA v CZECHOSLOVAKIA	5-0
URUGUAY v SCOTLAND	7-0

POINTS TABLE

URUGUAY	2 2 0 0 9-0 4
AUSTRIA	2 2 0 0 6-0 4
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	2 0 0 2 0-8 0
SCOTLAND	2 0 0 2 0-8 0

POOL 4

ENGLAND v BELGIUM	4-4
ENGLAND v SWITZERLAND	2-0
SWITZERLAND v ITALY	2-1
ITALY v BELGIUM	1-1
SWITZERLAND v ITALY	4-1 (Play-off)

POINTS TABLE

ENGLAND	2 1 1 0 6-4 3
SWITZERLAND	2 1 0 1 2-3 2
ITALY	2 1 0 1 5-3 2
BELGIUM	2 0 1 1 5-8 1

QUARTER FINALS

WEST GERMANY v YUGOSLAVIA	2-0
HUNGARY v BRAZIL	4-2
AUSTRIA v SWITZERLAND	7-5
URUGUAY v ENGLAND	4-2

SEMI FINALS

WEST GERMANY v AUSTRIA	6-1
HUNGARY v URUGUAY	4-2

THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF

AUSTRIA v URUGUAY	3-1
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FINAL

WEST GERMANY v HUNGARY	3-2
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WEST GERMANY: Turek, Posipal, Kohlmeier, Eckel, Liebrich, Mai, Rahn, Morlock, O. Walter, F. Walter, Schaefer.

HUNGARY: Grosics, Buzansky, Lantos, Bozsik, Lorant, Zakarias, Czibor, Kocsis, Hidegkuti, Puskas, J. Toth.

SCORERS: Rahn (2), Morlock for West Germany, Puskas, Czibor for Hungary.

REFEREE: Ling (England). **LEADING SCORER:** Sandor Kocsis (Hungary)

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HISTORY OF THE WORLD CUP (SWITZERLAND 1950)

IF Brazil had been favourites in 1950, Hungary were virtual certainties in 1954. They were unbeaten in four years, during which they had played the cream of Europe, scoring 104 goals against 25 in 25 matches. They had thrashed England 6-3 at Wembley in November 1953 and 7-1 in Budapest the following May — three weeks before the World Cup.

The British Championship was again employed as a qualifying group, and this time Scotland, who again came second to England, condescended to enter. They were, however, without any players from Rangers, who considered a club tour more important.

The Latin American representation dwindled from six to three — Brazil, Uruguay, and Mexico — with Uruguay, twice winners and yet to lose a match, at last entering a European World Cup.

In Group 2, which was to provide both finalists, Hungary beat South Korea 9-0 at Zurich, and West Germany beat Turkey 4-1 in Berne. Then came the match which, in its subtle way, was to decide the series: West Germany against Hungary at Basel.

Team manager Andy Beattie then resigned following criticism, and the Scots were in no mental state to face classmate Uruguay at Basel.

An unchanged side crashed 7-0, giving away five in the second-half. In Group 4, seeded England drew a fluctuating game with Belgium at Basel despite being 3-1 up with only a quarter of an hour left.

At the same time, Italy were being upset 2-1 by Switzerland at Lausanne. For England's game with Switzerland at Berne three days later, new men Jimmy Mullen and Denis Wilshaw of Wolves both scored in a dull encounter to enable England to qualify.

At Lugano, Italy beat Belgium 4-1 to secure a play-off with Switzerland in Basel, but lost the chance to reassert

The Swiss took a 3-0 lead, but Austria, prompted by Ocwick and using the speed of the Koerner brothers down the wings, produced some magnificent football to win 7-5 despite a missed penalty.

The next day, a full-strength West Germany beat Yugoslavia 2-0 at Geneva.

In the meantime the fourth quarter-final pro-

vided the most violent World Cup scenes since the Brazil-Czechoslovakia affair of 1938.

Brazil were again in-

volved, this time against Hungary, in what became known as the 'Battle of Berne' — a match with two penalties and three sendings-off.

After Hungary's 4-2 win the battle was continued in the dressing-rooms.

For Hungary's semi-final against Uruguay, steel-helmeted police

ringed the Lausanne pitch. The game, however, proved not a brawl but a delight, rich in the skills of football, and all in pouring rain.

Hungary won the

game with two headers

from Kocsis, who took

his tally to 11.

In the other semi-fin-

al, at Basel, the Aus-

trian defence collapsed

against a West German

attack superbly inspired

by Fitz Walter, and lost

6-1.

Puskas insisted on

playing (against medical

orders), and Hungary

opened in traditional

style, Puskas following

up to score from Kocsis

blocked shot in the sixth

minute, and Sandor

Czibor adding a second

two minutes later.

But the Germans re-

plied, first through Mor-

lock, within a minute,

and then through Uwe

Rahn, after 18 minutes,

and the game was wide

open.

In the second half

Hungary put the pres-

sure on: Nandor Hideg-

kuti hit the bar, Kocsis

the post, and West Ger-

man goalkeeper Turek

made some tremendous

saves.

With five minutes to

go, Boszik untypically

mispassed: Schaefer

found Walter, his cross

was cleared, but Rahn

cracked the ball home.

A revived Puskas put

the ball in the net, and

it looked like extra-

time, but linesman Mer-

lyn Griffiths had his

flag up for offside —

and Hungary had lost in

a stunning upset.



Ferenc Puskas scores for Hungary in the 1954 World Cup final, but West Germany went on to win in an upset.

themselves when they went down 4-1.

The first two quarter-finals, Uruguay v England at Basle and Austria against Switzerland at Lausanne, produced no less than 18 goals.

England, with Matthews and Loftus, back, lost 4-2 after a well-fought game.

At the same time Austria and Switzerland were involved in a record 12-goal classic at Lausanne.

Team

Le Tissier has the world at his feet



MATTHEW Le Tissier admits that he is no good at defending. Manager Chris Nicholl agrees with him. And Southampton's fans are reaping the benefit of this unlikely pact.

For it was Le Tissier's defensive deficiencies which threatened to drive the goalscoring winger away from The Dell following a number of clashes with Nicholl.

The talented 21-year-old reveals: "Things came to a head last January when I was dropped from the team even though I was the leading scorer.

"I'd never had a settled run in the side since making my debut at 17 and it seems that I was always the first to get

the chop.

"The manager felt the team couldn't carry me because I didn't do enough defensive work.

"It crossed my mind to leave, but I was only 20-years-old at the time with a long way to go on my contract. So I decided to knuckle down and force my way back into the team.

"I used to think nobody took much notice of what I was doing in the reserve team, but this time I worked hard, scored a few goals, and it seemed to do the trick. That taught me a lesson.

"Now we've found a system at Southampton where me and Rodney Wallace don't have to do much defending, which we're not very good at. It's a flexible system, but it's working."

With 26 goals be-

tween them by the turn of the year, Le Tissier and Wallace have proved that wingers don't have to hug the touchline all match as Southampton have kept pace with the title challengers.

Credit

But Le Tissier is quick to give credit to centre-forward Paul Rideout for much of his success this season. "Things would be so much more difficult if Paul wasn't working so hard and taking defenders away with his great runs."

Having already passed his goals target for the season, Channel Islander Matt is now engaged in a friendly battle with wing mate Wallace.

"My new target is 20 goals, but I want to get more than Rodney because he just pipped me last time," he

reveals.

And even the departure of Rodney's brother Danny to Manchester United for \$2.1 million hasn't knocked The Saints.

"Danny was a brilliant player a couple of years ago, but I think he'd gone off the boil playing at centre-forward, which wasn't his best position," says Matthew.

"Sometimes you sell a big name player and things carry on OK. Other times the whole team falls apart.

"But Chris Nicholl has made some shrewd buys and totally overhauled the team in the past year or so.

"We used to be the oldest team in the First Division. Now we're one of the youngest and I feel we stand in very good stead for the next four or five years."

— courtesy SHOOT

COOL SCOTS

THE Scottish League has given a cool reception to calls by FA Cup holders Liverpool for a British Cup.

Peter Robinson, chief executive of the Merseyside giants, pleaded for a tournament involving English First Division sides, Scottish Premier Division teams and two Irish clubs.

However, Scottish League president Jack Steedman fears such a competition could lead to crowd trouble at matches and possible suspension from European tournaments, similar to those of the English clubs for the past four years.

English clubs may well have to be satisfied with a one-off challenge match similar to that staged by Glasgow Rangers which Arsenal won 2-1.



GRAEME SOUNESS

Rival bosses George Graham and Graeme Souness agreed that there is a place in the football calendar for a match between the English and Scottish champions, despite the dreary offering at Ibrox.

Pele wants Careca to boost America

PELE wants to woo Napoli star Careca to the United States to revive public interest in the sport in the run-up to the 1994 World Cup finals there.

Pele has been asked by his employers, Warner Bros, one of the sponsors of the finals, to start recruiting stars to play in the United States as soon as possible.

Careca, a leading striker in the present Brazilian national side, is at the top of Pele's shopping list.

Warner Bros had asked Pele to bring European and Latin American stars to play in the United States in an effort to stage a soccer revival.

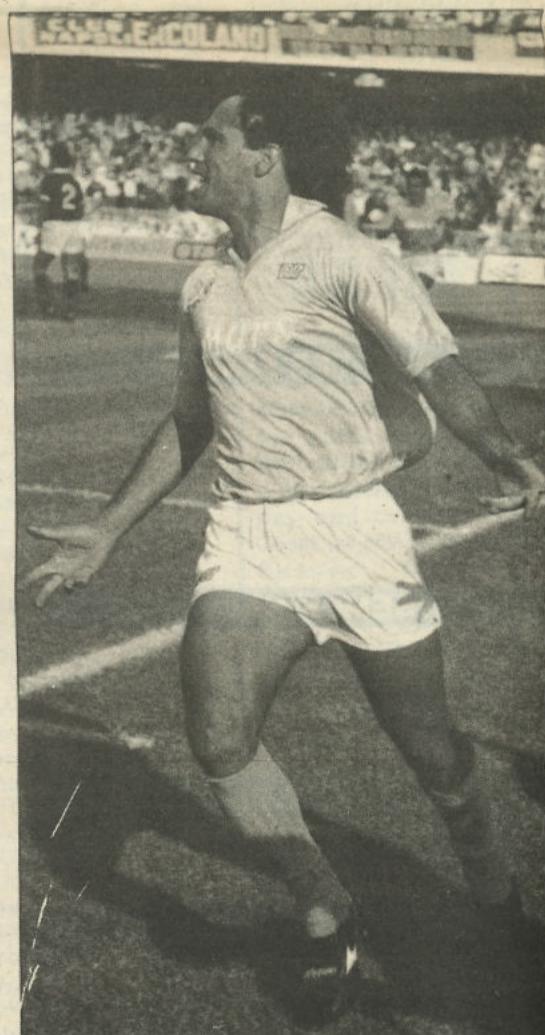
The organisers of the 1994 finals have said the biggest problem they face is rekindling the interest of a North American public addicted to baseball, basketball, ice hockey and American football.

Pele will be able to offer Careca at least three times his present annual salary, estimated at a thousand million lire (\$A996,822), plus bonuses.

A Napoli spokesman said he was unaware of Pele's interest in Careca, but in any case he was contracted to remain at Napoli until 1993.

"Pele is a professional. Even if he is interested in Careca, he knows a player must respect his contractual obligations," the spokesman said.

Soccer experienced a brief vogue in the United States in the 1970s, boosted by such stars as Pele himself, Dutch



CARECA

man Johan Cruyff and West Germany's Franz Beckenbauer as they neared the end of their playing careers.

But the professional league crumbled in the mid-1980s, partly due to the competing attrac-

tions of other big league sports and the United States' lack of a soccer-playing tradition.

The Americans did, however, qualify for this year's World Cup finals in Italy for the first time since 1950.

Ireland to play Wales

THE republic of Ireland will play Wales in a friendly in Dublin on March 23.

The match was officially confirmed by the Football Association of Ireland and replaces the fixture against England.



England were scheduled to play in Dublin on the same date until



it became known they had been drawn against the Irish in the World Cup finals.

Wales last played in Dublin in 1986 when they won 1-0 thanks to an Ian Rush goal.

That game was the debut of Jack Charlton as the Republic's manager.

Compiled by LOU GAUTIER

- Hamburg SV have sacked coach Willi Reimann, who has been made the scapegoat for the club's mediocre results in the first half of the Bundesliga.
- French club Nantes have agreed to release Argentine international Jorge Burruchaga after the World Cup finals though his contract runs until June 1991.
- Soviet champions Spartak Moscow organised a three-day international tournament in mid-January to honour former great Igor Netto, one of the Soviet Union's best-ever players. Netto captained the USSR to an Olympic gold medal in Melbourne in 1956.
- Real Valladolid, Spain's only survivor in Europe this season, have signed Chilean midfielder Jose Luis Sierra, whom they hope to field in the European Cup-Winners' Cup quarter-finals against Monaco.
- Spartak Moscow midfielder Fyodor Cherenkov has been voted USSR Player of the Year by the Soviet soccer press. He polled 90 out of 162 votes, to finish comfortably ahead of teammate, Stanislav Cherchesov, the Spartak goalkeeper.



BERND SCHUSTER

- Italy's Italia 1 television network voted Diego Maradona the country's 1989 Player of the Year. Maradona finished one point ahead of Franco Baresi and two in front of Marco van Basten.
- Bernd Schuster and Oscar Ruggeri are likely to be transferred from Real Madrid before the current season is over. The West German and Argentine defenders have performed poorly under coach John Toshack. There is, however, a good chance Toshack may be sacked before the players are traded...
- Libero Miodrag Belodedici has confirmed he would play for Romania in the World Cup finals. Belodedici, an ethnic Serb, defected to Belgrade a year ago and now plays for Red Star Belgrade.
- Antwerp captain Frans van Rooy is sidelined for a month after undergoing groin ligament surgery. He is expected to play in the UEFA Cup quarter-finals, though, and is still in the running for a spot in Holland's World Cup squad.
- Steve Pittman, who plays in Third Division Shrewsbury's defence, has been added to the US' World Cup finals squad.
- If you travel Alitalia during the World Cup you will be able to watch in-flight highlights of all the finals games the same day they are played.
- Mohammed Kermali has resigned as coach of Algerian club Mouloudia Algiers to devote himself exclusively to the Algerian national team. Former French professional Mokrane Oualiken will replace him.
- Ryszard Tarasiewicz, who plays for Neuchatel Xamax in Switzerland, was voted Polish Player of the Year by the weekly magazine, SPORT. Runner-up was Legia's Kosecki and Ruch Chorzow's Krysztof Warzycha was third.

Legendary West German is set to replace "Kaiser"

BY GINO DE LA SCERRI

IT was by accident that I met Gunter Netzer, who used to play alongside Berti Vogts at Borussia Moenchengladbach, in the Bundesliga, the West German National League.

The two also played for West Germany together with the great Franz Beckenbauer, today's national coach.

We met at Frankfurt's Palmgarten — a huge park where squirrels are so tame they eat out of your hand and where Australian and Papua-New Guinea plants grow in glasshouses.

I sat on a bench where Netzer was feeding pigeons, and I told him that his face is familiar — would he be a German soccer player?

Yes, he was, an ex-soccer player, really.

Not Gunter Netzer? — The same, and a conversation on soccer was on.

"What Vogts, (Berti Vogts) is doing for soccer is something wonderful," said Netzer.

under 21 National team to the World Championship in that category; and now at 43, he will be taking over from the 'Kaiser' himself, who will retire



BERTI VOGTS — soon in the hot seat.

Italy in June.

It is reckoned that West Germany has the best young squad in the making in the world.

All of them, with the

for their team reaching the final on July 8 in Rome.

When he takes over, Vogts will be the fourth National coach since the fabulous Sepp Herberger, who held the post for a record 28 years from 1936 to 1964, and who was followed by Helmut Schön (1964-78) and Jupp Derwall (1978-1984).

In Italy, the West Germans are considered favourites, with England a close second.

The English are not highly respected, but only because of their fans, not because of the players, about whom Italians know quite a lot.

Italy is not at all favoured.

Italian football is considered too slow to figure very prominently in a World Championship.

The other thing is that as Italy qualified because it is the organising country, it is considered that not enough competitive games were tackled by the 'Azzurri' to really our readers may see back home, people who should know don't give the South Americans much chance.

Augenthaler of Bayern Munich, have been members of Vogts' under 21 squad.

Vogts is a no-nonsense coach who looks rather rough alongside the elegant Beckenbauer.

He has earned respect, according to Netzer, even if he has not earned admiration.

The problem could be only that his personality could intimidate the young players.

But this is the crux of the matter, they argue in Germany: those who are too timid, and who get intimidated, are of no use to the German National team.

I personally think the departure of Beckenbauer will be a blow to West Germany.

I also think Beckenbauer should have postponed his retirement announcement till after the World Cup.

Be that as it may, it looks more and more likely that if West Germany does not win the 1990 World Cup Championship in Italy, they will almost certainly win it in the United States in 1994.

Vogts will take over on July 9, this year, significantly the day after the final.

The date is also significant because it shows that the West Germans have allowed

Prominent Australian soccer journalist Gino de la Scerri will be bringing ASW readers all the early World Cup Italia 90 news direct from Europe on a regular basis.

Mr da la Scerri is in Europe, having already been in Italy, Germany and Malta.

His exclusive news stories will give a top perspective of the World Cup, with a penetrating look behind the scenes.

He has been an editor, journalist and photographer with Australian soccer publications throughout his long career, as well as a referee, and is based in Sydney.

Look at the World Cup scene with Gino de la Scerri — only in AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY.

This is not only because the Latin Americans have never done too well in Europe, but because both Argentina and Brazil are 'over their peak', and in decline.

This is what most people think that Argentina could still be a threat, if Maradona — as is likely — hits his spurs.

As for the Cariocas, Brazil is always Brazil.

Bari barrier



ITALIAN soccer was reminded of past nightmares when 30 supporters were injured following the collapse of a metal barrier at Bari, one of the venues for next year's World Cup finals.

The barrier, separating Bari and Napoli fans, gave way when the crowd surged forward after Argentina and Napoli

REPRIEVE FOR SPURS



TOTTENHAM's Terry Venables and striker Paul Stewart have been "excused" by the English FA after apologising for comments attributed to them after their side's shock Littlewoods Cup defeat at Southend.

The FA has clamped down on breaches in discipline by players and officials

after much bad publicity.

"They have written to us expressing their regrets and apologising for any bad feeling their comments had caused," said FA spokesman David Bloomfield.

"In view of that, we are going to take no action but we have advised them to exercise more caution when speaking to the media," he added.

"Nyet" to bigger Soviet League

SOVIET authorities have rejected a proposal to expand the First Division from 16 to 18 teams next season.

The Soviet State Sports Committee said its football federation had rejected the recommendations of a new independent league, Tass news agency reported.

Earlier last month the newly-formed Union of Soccer Leagues called for the division to be expanded, saying it would increase playing standards.

The Union is a rebel group seeking independence from the Sports Committee.

Tass did not say why the call for expansion had been rejected.



FRANCO BARESI: aiming for an unique treble in 1990 — the Italian title, another European Cup and the World Cup.

Busy Egypt

EGYPT started their busy World Cup build-up with a match against Denmark in Cairo on February 14.

"Despite failing to qualify for the finals, Denmark is every bit as strong as any of the finalists," claims Egyptian coach Mahmoud El Gohari.

Egypt's preliminary World Cup squad will be announced on February 3 and training will start the following day.

From then on, warm-up games will follow in quick succession.

Egypt will also meet South Korea in Cairo on February 18 and Austria on March 1.

The team then moves to Spain (March 4-15) where two games will be played against club sides.

Then it's back to Cairo for a game

against Romania on March 28.

In April, the Egyptians, nicknamed the "Pharaohs", are back in Europe for a match against Czechoslovakia in Prague on the 14th before a three-week camp in West Germany's Black Forest during which they will clash with East Germany in Leipzig on April 28.

They will play Yugoslavia early in May before returning home.

The team will then spend 10 days in Britain and meet Scotland on May 16, and on the way home will play against a club team in Romania.

Finally, before taking off for their World Cup base in Sicily, Egypt will meet Wales on May 27 and Bulgaria on June 3, both in Cairo.

Talk about a build-up!

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BOUNCING CZECH FOR SALE



JAN KOCIAN of Czechoslovakia: the classy midfielder has been offered a big contract by West German club Eintracht Frankfurt after appearing in the World Cup finals.

Zagalo fights for job

MARIO Zagalo, a three-time winner of the World Cup as player and manager, is fighting to win back his \$25,000 a month job as manager of the United Arab Emirates.

Only five months before the finals a series of behind the scenes squabbles between Zagalo and officials led the UAE Federation to dismiss the 58-year-old Brazilian and his compatriot Shiral.

Officials were angry at the absence of clear plans for the squad's build-up to next month's Gulf Cup in Kuwait and their World Cup finals debut in June. They also accuse Zagalo of poor team selection.

Federation officials were very annoyed by an interview in

which Zagalo claimed he was solely responsible for the side's World Cup qualification, and that the team was in a "disastrous" state when he took over 18 months



The president of the UAE Soccer Federation in happier times.

ago.

Zagalo denies making the comments. He also insists he submitted proposals for his team's preparation to a federation official before leaving for two months holiday.

"My international

EURO-92

THE 33 countries which will contest the 1992 European championships will know their qualifying schedule on February 2 when the draw will be announced by the UEFA in Stockholm.

The UEFA will group the teams in five different "hats".

Hat No 1 — the seeded teams — will comprise of Holland, England, Spain, Italy, Yugoslavia, West Germany and Romania.

The USSR, the Republic of Ireland, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Belgium, Scotland and Portugal are in the second hat, and East Germany, Austria, Hungary, France, Poland, Greece and Bulgaria in hat 3.

Hat 4 contains the names of Iceland, Switzerland, Wales, Turkey, Norway, Northern Ireland and Finland, while hat No 5 includes Malta, Cyprus, Luxembourg and Albania.

Sweden qualify automatically for Euro-92 as the host nation.

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BELLOUMI RETIRES

ALGERIAN star Lakhdar Belloumi has announced his retirement from international competition after accusations of partially blinding an Egyptian doctor in post-match violence in Cairo.

Belloumi, 30, Algeria's midfield maestro in two World Cups, was accused of partially blinding an Egyptian doctor after fighting broke out in the team's Cairo hotel following a 1-0 defeat by Egypt on November 19.



LAKHDAR BELLOUMI

Igor Belanov arrested!

STAR Soviet international Igor Belanov spent a night in prison after being caught shoplifting in Moenchengladbach.

Belanov, who plays for the local Borussia club, was charged with removing \$1100 worth of clothing from a department store.

He spent the night in

jail because he wasn't carrying any ID, but was released on his own reconnaissance the following morning and will have to appear in court later this month.

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